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# CANDIDATE GRAVITATIONALLY LENSED DUSTY STAR-FORMING GALAXIES IN THE HERSCHEL WIDE AREA SURVEYS\*

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## ABSTRACT

We present a list of candidate gravitationally lensed dusty star-forming galaxies (DSFGs) from the HerMES Large Mode Survey and the *Herschel* Stripe 82 Survey. Together, these partially overlapping surveys cover 372 deg<sup>2</sup> on the sky. After removing local spiral galaxies and known radio-loud blazars, our candidate list of lensed DSFGs is composed of 77 sources with 500  $\mu$ m flux densities ( $S_{500}$ ) greater than 100 mJy. Such sources are dusty starburst galaxies similar to the first bright sub-millimeter galaxies (SMGs) discovered with SCUBA. We expect a large fraction of this list to be strongly lensed, with a small fraction made up of bright SMG–SMG mergers that appear as hyper-luminous infrared galaxies ( $L_{\text{IR}} > 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ ). Thirteen of the 77 candidates have spectroscopic redshifts from CO spectroscopy with ground-based interferometers, putting them at  $z > 1$  and well above the redshift of the foreground lensing galaxies. The surface density of our sample is  $0.21 \pm 0.03 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ . We present follow-up imaging of a few of the candidates to confirm their lensing nature. The sample presented here is an ideal tool for higher-resolution imaging and spectroscopic observations to understand the detailed properties of starburst phenomena in distant galaxies.

**Key words:** galaxies: high-redshift – galaxies: starburst – gravitational lensing: strong – sub-millimeter: galaxies

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Dusty star-forming galaxies (DSFGs) are among the most intensely star-forming systems in the universe (see review by Casey et al. 2014). Optical studies of these galaxies are challenging, due to high dust obscuration that absorbs the rest-frame ultraviolet (UV) light emitted by young and hot stars. Instead, these sources are bright at longer wavelengths due to the emission from heated dust (Draine & Li 2001; Siebenmorgen et al. 2014). The far-infrared luminous DSFGs are bright in sub-millimeter wavelengths and are similar to the first bright sub-millimeter galaxies (SMGs) discovered with SCUBA

(Smail et al. 1997; Barger et al. 1998; Blain et al. 1999; Dunne et al. 2000; Chapman et al. 2005; Tacconi et al. 2006, 2008; Magnelli et al. 2012; Hayward et al. 2013; Swinbank et al. 2014; Wiklind et al. 2014; Ikarashi et al. 2015) with the brightest sources in the far-infrared bands (with infrared luminosities of  $10^{12} L_{\odot} < L_{\text{IR}} < 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ ) classified as ultra-luminous infrared galaxies (ULIRGs; Sanders et al. 1988; Sanders & Mirabel 1996; Lutz et al. 1999; Alonso-Herrero et al. 2006; Clements et al. 2010; Kilerci Eser et al. 2014; Magdis et al. 2014). Resolved imaging of DSFGs at high redshifts is challenging given the intrinsic faintness of such systems (with intrinsic flux densities of typically 10 mJy at 500  $\mu$ m, from models or direct observations such as Ivison et al. 2010; Béthermin et al. 2012a, 2012b, or from lensing magnification-corrected 500  $\mu$ m studies such as Negrello

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et al. 2010; Wardlow et al. 2013) and/or the large point-spread functions of single-dish, diffraction-limited observations at sub-millimeter wavelengths. Although the latter is no longer a limitation because of multi-dish observations, such as with ALMA using long baselines (Karim et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2013; Riechers et al. 2014; Simpson et al. 2015b; ALMA Partnership et al. 2015a), the field of view remains limited to a few arcseconds (Karim et al. 2013). As a result, current studies of high-redshift DSFGs are generally limited to a small number of targets (Capak et al. 2008; Riechers et al. 2010, 2013, 2014; Fu et al. 2013) and the most highly magnified star-forming systems (such as the Cosmic Eyelash; Swinbank et al. 2010b) or extreme starbursts (Coppin et al. 2009; Riechers et al. 2013, 2014; De Breuck et al. 2014; Gilli et al. 2014).

Gravitational lensing provides a valuable tool to study galaxies that would otherwise be too distant or faint for current observational facilities (e.g., Treu 2010; Treu & Ellis 2014). This is due to the fact that lensing enhances the apparent angular size and magnifies the source flux density (Atek et al. 2014; Richard et al. 2014), enabling studies of sources with intrinsic brightness below the nominal source detection limits of current facilities (Wardlow et al. 2013). By searching blank-field sub-millimeter surveys for bright sources, we can select galaxies that are more likely to be magnified by lensing (Swinbank et al. 2014; Simpson et al. 2015a, 2015b). With the advent of large-area far-infrared and sub-millimeter surveys, it is now possible to search for bright sources as candidate gravitationally lensed systems with selection based only on the sub-millimeter flux density (Negrello et al. 2007, 2010).

The *Herschel Space Observatory* (Pilbratt et al. 2010) provided us with a unique opportunity to study DSFGs at high redshift. This is possible through both large-area sky surveys, such as the *Herschel* Astrophysical Terahertz Large-Area Survey (H-ATLAS; Eales et al. 2010), and deeper observations over smaller areas, such as those of the *Herschel* Multi-tiered Extragalactic Survey (HerMES; Oliver et al. 2012). Large-area searches for gravitationally lensed systems have been very successful over the past few years at identifying high-redshift DSFGs. In particular, *Herschel* has been successful at identifying rare lensing systems, with some detailed studies already provided in the literature (Iverson et al. 2010; Cox et al. 2011; Fu et al. 2012; Messias et al. 2014). Follow-up observations of these candidates with ground-based facilities (such as ALMA; Messias et al. 2014; Schaerer et al. 2015) and the *Hubble* Space Telescope in the near-infrared have revealed the nature of the ISM in these systems with spatial resolutions at the level of 100 pc scales (Karim et al. 2013; Riechers et al. 2014; Swinbank et al. 2014, 2015). This allows us to study the gas regulation and kinematics inside distant galaxies, which sheds light on the star-formation mechanism and efficiency in the most gas-rich systems during the peak epoch of star formation in the universe (Riechers et al. 2014). An interesting example is SDP.81, which was initially identified with *Herschel* during the Science Demonstration Phase (SDP; Negrello et al. 2010) as a lensed DSFG (Frayser et al. 2011; Hopwood et al. 2011; Dye et al. 2014; Negrello et al. 2014). SDP.81 was later used for Science Verification observations of ALMA long baselines (ALMA Partnership et al. 2015b). Those data, collected over more than 30 hr, have resulted in a robust lens model and have enabled ISM studies by revealing clumpy structures and giant molecular clouds within the lensed galaxy

down to 80 pc scales (Dye et al. 2015; Hatsukade et al. 2015; Rybak et al. 2015a, 2015b; Swinbank et al. 2015; Wong et al. 2015; Hezaveh et al. 2016).

The aim of this work is to expand the currently known samples of bright, lensed galaxies from *Herschel*. The first study of this kind used the SDP map of H-ATLAS spanning  $14 \text{ deg}^2$  in Negrello et al. (2010), identifying five candidate lenses that were confirmed to be lensed based on follow-up data. The second systematic search for lensing systems in *Herschel* imaging data appeared in Wardlow et al. (2013), who selected 13 candidate lensed systems over  $95 \text{ deg}^2$  of HerMES, which was composed of many smaller fields with individual sizes at the level of  $2\text{--}10 \text{ deg}^2$ . Among those 13 systems, 11 are now confirmed as strong lens systems; the 2 remaining systems are luminous SMG–SMG mergers (Fu et al. 2013; Bussmann et al. 2015).

Here, we extend these two earlier studies using *Herschel*/SPIRE (Spectral and Photometric Imaging Receiver; Griffin et al. 2010) observations at 250, 350, and  $500 \mu\text{m}$  to select potentially gravitationally lensed galaxies in the HerMES Large Mode Survey (HeLMS) and *Herschel* Stripe 82 Survey (HerS; Viero et al. 2014) fields. *Herschel* HeLMS is composed of wide, SPIRE-only observations covering an area of  $301 \text{ deg}^2$  in the SDSS Stripe 82 region with ancillary data from several facilities (Oliver et al. 2012, C. Clarke et al. 2016, in preparation). The SPIRE observations reach a  $5\sigma$  limiting depth of 48 mJy at  $500 \mu\text{m}$ . The equatorial SDSS Stripe 82 HerS observations cover an area of  $81 \text{ deg}^2$  with an average depth of  $14.8 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$  (Viero et al. 2014, C. Clarke et al. 2016, in preparation). Combined with the ancillary data available in these equatorial fields, in particular the deep SDSS observations from Stripe 82, this enables us to identify and study these lensed galaxies.

The catalog presented here has *Herschel* photometry measured in the three SPIRE bands. Follow-up observations with Keck/NIRC2 using Laser-guided adaptive optics (LGSAO) and with the seeing-limited William Herschel Telescope (WHT) LIRIS near-IR imaging instrument reveal the lensing nature of several of these systems. We also present follow-up observations of some of these sources with millimeter-wave interferometric spectroscopy of CO emission lines to determine the redshift of background lensed galaxies. In particular, we present redshifts measured for targeted background lensed DSFGs with CO ( $1 \rightarrow 0$ ) observations by the Green Bank Telescope (GBT)/Zpectrometer (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation) and with multiple CO lines from the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-wave Astronomy (CARMA) and Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI; D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation) showing that the confirmed lensed galaxies are at  $z > 1$  with a target being at redshift as high as  $z \sim 5$ . The SDSS-detected foreground lensing galaxies have mean photometric redshifts peaking at  $z \sim 0.4$  with spectroscopic observations for some of the targets confirming  $z < 1$ .

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we discuss the lensed galaxy selection along with photometry measurements. Section 3 describes some of the follow-up programs and existing results. We discuss our candidate lens sample, their statistical properties, and some example lensed sources in Section 4. We conclude with a summary in Section 5. Throughout this paper, we assume a standard cosmology with  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ , and  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ .

## 2. IDENTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE SOURCES

Our candidate lensed DSFGs are selected from HeLMS and HerS blank-field data.<sup>25</sup> HeLMS and HerS cover 301.3 and 80.5 deg<sup>2</sup>, respectively, overlapping in a  $\sim 10$  deg<sup>2</sup> region. HeLMS is the widest area tier of HerMES (Oliver et al. 2012), the SPIRE Team’s Guaranteed Time Observations (GTO) with *Herschel Space Observatory* (Pilbratt et al. 2010). We use the maximum likelihood map maker SANEPIC (Signal and Noise Estimation Procedure Including Correlations; Patanchon et al. 2008) to create our maps. We refer the reader to Asboth et al. (2016) and C. Clarke et al. (2016, in preparation) for details related to HeLMS, data processing, and map making. Similar details related to HerS are available in Viero et al. (2014). The maps we produced are comparable in quality to publicly available maps from HerS, while for the HeLMS data we compare our maps to the results from the SMAP/SHIM iterative map maker (Levenson et al. 2010). The differences, if any, are at large angular scales related to the diffuse background. For point sources and point-source flux estimation, the different maps showed a comparable performance within the uncertainties related to instrumental and confusion noise. The nominal pixel sizes at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu$ m are 6, 8.3, and 12 arcsec, respectively, matching one-third of the FWHM of the beam in each band (18, 25, and 36 arcsec, respectively). We used and compared multiple catalogs as part of this study. The first set of catalogs make use of SUSSEXTRACTOR (Savage & Oliver 2007; Smith et al. 2012), available from the *Herschel* Interactive Processing Environment (HIPE; Ott 2010), based on sources detected at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu$ m each. The second set is discussed in C. Clarke et al. (2016, in preparation) using STARFINDER and DESPHOT. The latter makes use of 250  $\mu$ m detections to cross-identify and deblend at 350 and 500  $\mu$ m flux densities, which reduces contamination from blended sources (XID catalogs).

Here, we primarily focus on bright sources with flux densities above 100 mJy at 500  $\mu$ m. While our initial selection is performed with catalogs based on each of the wavelengths, using SUSSEXTRACTOR catalogs, the final selection involves removal of sources that are flagged as potentially blended systems using the XID catalogs of C. Clarke et al. (2016, in preparation). Unlike C. Clarke et al. (2016, in preparation), who required a 250  $\mu$ m detection, we are able to search for and catalog lensed candidates that are also “red” with  $S_{250} < S_{350} < S_{500}$  (Asboth et al. 2016). Bright, 500  $\mu$ m sources are dominated by gravitationally lensed galaxies, local spiral galaxies, and blazars (Negrello et al. 2010; Wardlow et al. 2013). Both local spirals and blazars can be excluded via cross-matching with shallow full-sky surveys at optical and radio wavelengths, respectively. This method has recently been exploited in other *Herschel* fields to select high-redshift gravitationally lensed galaxies (Negrello et al. 2010, 2014; Conley et al. 2011; González-Nuevo et al. 2012; Busmann et al. 2013; Wardlow et al. 2013). After correction for contamination, this technique has been shown to be very successful at generating a robust catalog of gravitationally lensed high-redshift galaxies (Negrello et al. 2010).

We remove local galaxies from our catalogs by searching the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED) and the Sloan Digital Sky Survey III Data Release 12 at the 250  $\mu$ m positions of our sources. Local galaxies are then recognized by visual

inspection of the SDSS cutouts and identified by name in NED. There are 273 such sources in our fields: 231 from HeLMS and 44 from HerS (2 lie in the overlapping region). These sources are all within 200 Mpc. As these local galaxies are rare (0.74 deg<sup>−2</sup>) and occupy only a small portion of the fields, positional alignment between background DSFGs and these local galaxies should not be significant. Furthermore, the typical distance ratio between the foreground and background populations is such that, in the case of chance alignments, the foreground galaxy will not act as a strong gravitational lens. Hence, we do not expect to lose bona fide strongly lensed galaxies by removing the local spirals. The relative colors of the local galaxies and lens candidates also typically occupy different regions of the color space. We also remove radio-loud blazars in a similar fashion, searching NED for all sources within 12 arcsec of the position of the peak 500  $\mu$ m flux. Sources identified as radio-loud quasars in previous surveys are then removed from our target list. We found nine blazars using this method. Note that our search was simply limited to known radio-loud blazars and we did not search for new blazar candidates. Given the existence of archival radio surveys down to sufficient depth, we do not consider contamination from unknown blazars to be a significant issue in the candidate lensed sample.

After removal of the aforementioned contaminants, we examine our target lists from HeLMS and HerS for sources present in both catalogs from the 15 deg<sup>2</sup> region covered by both surveys. These duplicate sources are found by matching every source in the HeLMS catalog to the source with the nearest position in HerS, as measured by peak  $S_{250}$  flux. The SPIRE observations at 250  $\mu$ m have better angular resolution (FWHM = 18”) compared to the redder bands, which makes it more suitable for the cross-matching. Duplicate sources have a nominal separation that is small compared to the separation between sources that are merely nearby in a two-dimensional sky projection, between 1.3 and 7.2 arcsec in all cases. In comparison, the two closest distinct sources in the combined catalog are separated by 45 arcsec. The flux densities at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu$ m, and the colors of the sources, can also be compared to provide confirmation that sources from the two catalogs are indeed duplicates. Through this process, we found eight lens candidates that are present in both HeLMS and HerS, as well as the two previously mentioned local galaxies. In these cases, we remove the source from the HeLMS catalog and use the position and flux data from the deeper HerS data in all of our catalogs and analysis.

Next, we generate cutouts at the positions of the peak  $S_{250}$  flux from the HeLMS and HerS maps at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu$ m for all of the sources with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy, which together define our primary lens candidate catalog. These cutouts are presented in the Appendix. From this list, we removed any remaining spatially extended sources and those sources that are blended in  $S_{500}$  compared to the 250  $\mu$ m imaging. Extended sources that are bright at sub-millimeter wavelengths, but which are not local galaxies, are primarily galactic cirrus clouds and are not of interest for this catalog (Low et al. 1984; Silva et al. 1998; Rowan-Robinson et al. 2014). We identify point sources that are separate by at least two beam sizes (separations  $\sim 40''$ ) in the *Herschel*/SPIRE 250  $\mu$ m band. This should include any cluster lensed galaxies such as HLSW-01 with a separation of 9”, identified in HerMES (Conley et al. 2011; Gavazzi et al. 2011; Riechers et al. 2011; Scott et al. 2011). We

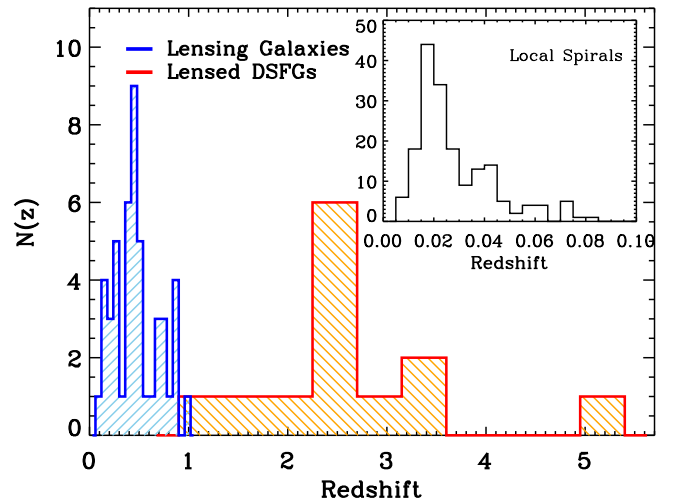
<sup>25</sup> <http://www.astro.caltech.edu/hers/Science.html>



further cross-matched our catalog of HeLMS/HerS sources with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy against the photometrically selected galaxy cluster catalog of Durret et al. (2015) in Stripe 82. We found no cluster lensing systems within our  $500 \mu\text{m}$  bright sources.

As mentioned above, one of the caveats of the SUSSEXTRACTOR catalogs is the difficulty in de-blending sources. In order to check the robustness of our bright  $500 \mu\text{m}$  lensed DSFG candidates, we cross-checked our SUSSEXTRACTOR identified sources with the STARFINDER+ $250 \mu\text{m}$  detected XID catalog (Viero et al. 2014, C. Clarke et al. 2016, in preparation), which used  $250 \mu\text{m}$  positions to de-blend the  $500 \mu\text{m}$  flux densities. The only disadvantage of this catalog is that it relies on  $250 \mu\text{m}$  detections, and thus does not contain  $500 \mu\text{m}$  peakers with faint  $250 \mu\text{m}$  emission. Using this combination of two catalogs, we identified close to 30 sources which appear to be clear blends in  $250 \mu\text{m}$ , but show up as a single source at  $500 \mu\text{m}$ . Since they are likely multiple faint sources, rather than a single bright object, we do not consider such cases to be reliable candidates for gravitationally lensed sources. This approach, however, also results in the potential removal of rare lensed galaxies with image separations at the level of 30 arcsec or more. Such lensing will involve most massive galaxy clusters in the foreground and are best searched for by combining SPIRE catalogs and known galaxy cluster positions. Given that our goal is to obtain a reliable list with high efficiency for lensing, and not necessarily a complete list of all lensed galaxies, we consider our approach to be adequate to increase the reliability that a higher fraction of the sources in our candidate list are gravitationally lensed DSFGs.

After removing blended sources and sources that are extended—and thus likely to be contaminants from Galactic cirrus clumps (see C. Clarke et al. 2016, in preparation)—we are left with a total of 77 lensed candidate galaxies with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy in our primary candidate list. The  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy candidates have a surface density of  $0.21 \pm 0.03 \text{ deg}^{-2}$  over the HeLMS and HerS fields. Using a sample of lensed DSFGs in the HerMES field, Wardlow et al. (2013) measured a space density of  $0.14 \text{ deg}^{-2}$  for systems with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy for a candidate lensed sample composed of 13 systems. Among the 13, 2 have since been identified as SMG–SMG mergers, although there is evidence in both cases for moderate lensing with magnification factors between 1.3 and 1.8 (Fu et al. 2013; Busmann et al. 2015). With those two systems removed, the actual surface density of lensed galaxies with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy in HerMES is around  $0.11 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ . This is substantially smaller than the surface density of our candidate list at  $0.21 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ . We expect that  $\sim 15\%$  of our sample are also composed of SMG–SMG mergers, which would be similar to the sources studied in Fu et al. (2013) and Ivison et al. (2013). The real difference is likely due to cosmic variance. The study by Wardlow et al. (2013) involves multiple smaller legacy fields that were used in HerMES to form  $95 \text{ deg}^2$ . These extragalactic legacy fields, such as XMM-LSS or Boötes, are carefully selected to be devoid of known low- $z$  ( $z = 0.1\text{--}0.3$ ) massive galaxy clusters or galaxy over-densities that could potentially lens background DSFGs. Thus, these fields may, on average, provide a lower optical depth to lensing than a blank-sky field. This is also visible in comparison to another result. The first lens selection with *Herschel*/SPIRE in H-ATLAS resulted in five confirmed lensed galaxies with a sky surface density of  $0.35 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ . While this area was  $14 \text{ deg}^2$ , it shows large field-to-field variation in



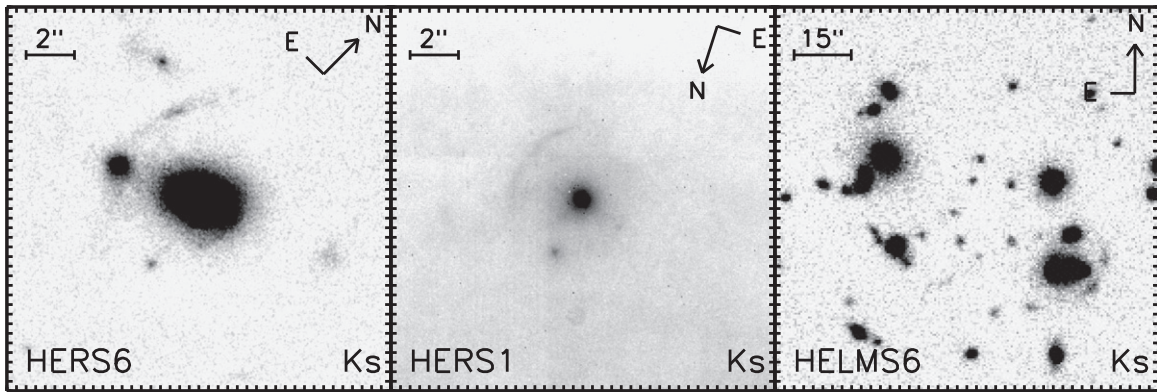
**Figure 1.** Redshift distribution of the 13 HeLMS and HerS candidate lensed galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts from CO observations (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation, D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation). The DSFGs are at a median redshift of 2.51, while the foreground galaxies have a median redshift of 0.44, putting the background lensed systems at much higher redshifts compared to the foreground lensing galaxies. The inset shows the redshift distribution of the local spiral galaxies that are bright in the  $500 \mu\text{m}$ .

the number of lensed sources. This cosmic variance is a combination of the spatial distribution of massive foreground galaxies or galaxy over-densities and the clustering of background DSFGs. With proper statistics on the lensed fraction from HeLMS and HerS, as well as the lensed sample over  $650 \text{ deg}^2$  of H-ATLAS which has yet to fully appear in the literature, we expect that it will be possible to observationally constrain the lensing optical depth variations of *Herschel*-selected DSFGs. A theoretical calculation of the expected cosmic variance will also be useful to address which parameters related to either the background DSFG population or foreground lenses can be constrained with such statistics.

### 3. FOLLOW-UP OBSERVATIONS

#### 3.1. Redshifts

The redshifts of gas-rich DSFGs can be determined using CO rotational emission lines in radio observations. This method has been used extensively to measure the redshifts of distant DSFGs (Greve et al. 2005; Swinbank et al. 2010a; Harris et al. 2012; Lupu et al. 2012; George et al. 2013; Weiß et al. 2013; Decarli et al. 2014; Canameras et al. 2015; Zavala et al. 2015). CO molecular line observations are also used to study the physical properties of SMGs and DSFGs (Solomon & Vanden Bout 2005; Tacconi et al. 2006, 2008; Carilli & Walter 2013). In particular, CO brightness and spatial distribution could be utilized to determine the total molecular gas content and extent, which is responsible for star formation, in these gas-rich systems (Fu et al. 2012, 2013; Narayanan et al. 2012). As part of existing programs to follow-up *Herschel*-selected bright lensed galaxies, we obtained radio/millimeter CO redshift measurements of 12 sources in our HeLMS+HerS sample with the Robert C. Byrd GBT (7 sources; A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation), CARMA (12 sources; D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation), and IRAM/PdBI (11 sources; D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation), and one source (HELM29) with spectroscopic



**Figure 2.** Keck/NIRC2 AO observations of two of our lensed DSFG candidates (HERS1 and HERS6) in the  $K_s$  band at  $2.2 \mu\text{m}$  along with William Herschel Telescope (WHT) LIRIS observations of HELMS6 in the  $K_s$  band. We clearly see lensing features in these three systems which were originally identified in the SPIRE  $500 \mu\text{m}$  band. HERS1 is the brightest source in our catalog at  $500 \mu\text{m}$  and it has been confirmed to be gravitationally lensed in a previous study by Geach et al. (2015) and recently with the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (Su et al. 2015).

observations from ALMA (Asboth et al. 2016). The 12 sources with redshifts reported here come from a large sample of lensed *Herschel* sources, involving all of the wide-area *Herschel* fields. The CO sample follows no particular selection criterion apart from flexibility in scheduling with each of the facilities. The GBT observations target the  $\text{CO}(1 \rightarrow 0)$  transition, however, as discussed in Harris et al. (2012), it is also possible to have a GBT  $\text{CO}(2 \rightarrow 1)$  transition for systems at  $5.1 < z < 8$  or a line from species other than the CO, but this would be unlikely given the photometric redshift distributions and the weak nature of the other line species (Harris et al. 2012). The lensed DSFG candidates with confirmed spectroscopic redshift from CO observations have  $500 \mu\text{m}$  fluxes exceeding 121 mJy with a median flux of 164 mJy in the  $500 \mu\text{m}$ . The spectroscopic observations confirmed the brighter candidates in the far-infrared, demonstrating the increased chance of detection for brighter objects (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation, D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation).

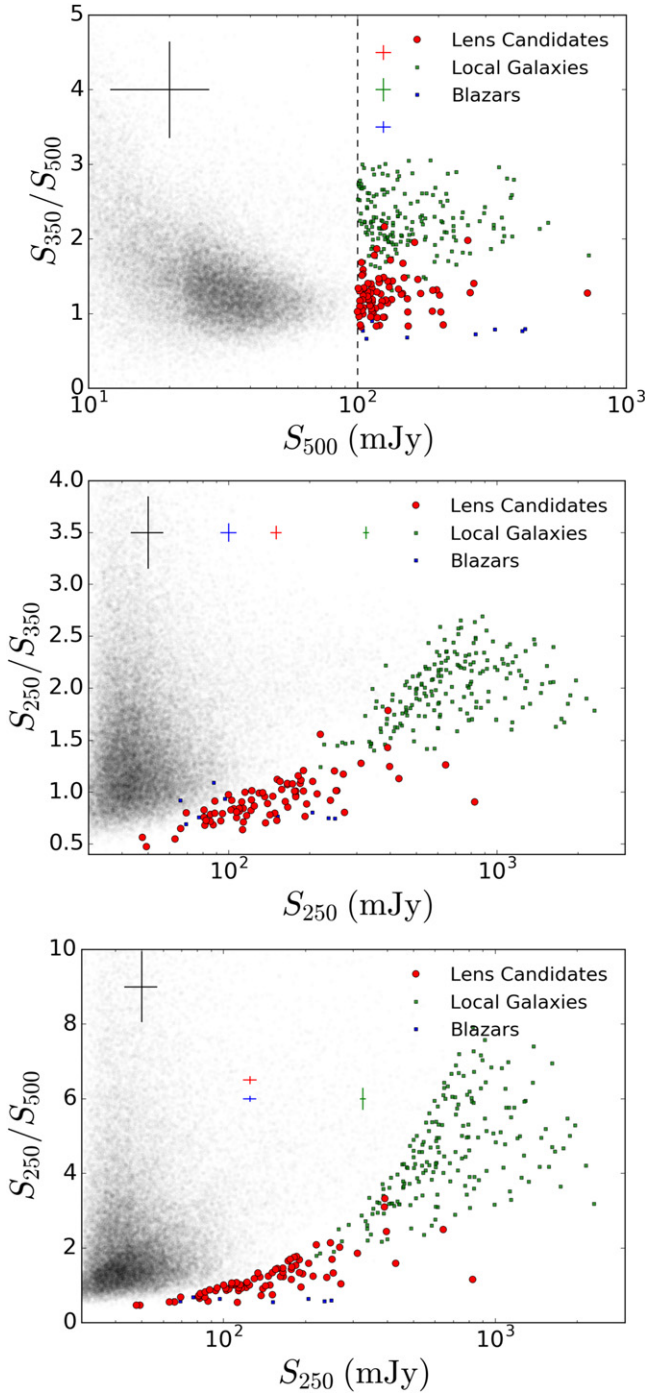
Figure 1 shows the redshift distribution of the background DSFGs measured from CO. The measured redshifts of the background sources are at  $z > 1$  and peak at  $z \sim 2.5$ . This result is consistent with other studies of SMG redshift distributions (Chapman et al. 2005; Harris et al. 2012; Bussmann et al. 2013, 2015). Figure 1 also shows the redshift distribution of the foreground lensing galaxies. This result is derived from public SDSS catalogs and is mostly for brighter optical counterparts (due to limited spectroscopic depth). However, our spectroscopic campaigns on the *Herschel*-selected lensing systems have successfully measured the individual galaxy spectra using large ground-based observatories such as Keck (DEIMOS and LRIS) along with observations from Gemini, MMT, and VLT (Bussmann et al. 2013). The redshift distribution of the foreground galaxies peaks at  $z < 1$  and is consistent with the scenario in which a background high-redshift galaxy is being gravitationally lensed by a foreground system at much lower redshift.

### 3.2. Imaging

As part of a “HELMS Deep” observing campaign, several of the lens candidates have been followed up with high-resolution imaging with Keck/NIRC2 laser-guided adaptive optics (LGSAO) and with seeing-limited imaging with the WHT

LIRIS instrument in the near-infrared. These observations were designed to study the rest-frame optical properties of these lensed systems in detail, as has been done over the past few years for other DSFGs at  $z > 1$  (Fu et al. 2012, 2013; Calanog et al. 2014; Timmons et al. 2015). HELMS Deep observations of the lensed candidates were obtained with the Keck/NIRC2 AO system in the  $K_s$  band at  $2.2 \mu\text{m}$  in 2015 August and September (PI: Cooray). The observations were performed with an average exposure time of 3600 s over two nights under cloudy conditions and poor AO correction. Figure 2 shows the Keck II/NIRC2-LGSAO  $K_s$ -band images of two of the lensed systems for which we obtained reliable data in these runs based on the new catalog presented here. The two galaxies (HERS1, discussed below and identified elsewhere as a lensing galaxy, and HERS6) both show clear lensing features in the near-infrared composed of arcs and counter images. A detailed analysis of these imaging data, in combination with other multi-wavelength interferometric images, including those from an ALMA snapshot program (PI: Eales), will be presented in future papers. We highlight them here to motivate additional follow-up programs of the *Herschel* lens sample by the strong-lensing community.

The WHT/LIRIS observations of HeLMS lens candidates are part of a large program on HerMES high-redshift galaxies (PI: Prez-Fournon). The LIRIS observations were performed with a typical exposure time of 3600 s in sub-arcsecond seeing conditions. Figure 2 also shows the WHT/LIRIS  $K_s$  imaging of HELMS6 observed on 2015 October 26, with seeing of  $0''.8$ . In this case, the main lensing galaxy is a member of a cluster of galaxies, with SDSS photometric redshift  $\sim 0.4$ . Giant arcs are also present in this system. Optical long-slit spectroscopy of this field with the OSIRIS instrument of the Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC) was obtained on 2015 November 29 in dark and clear conditions and seeing of 1.2 arcsec. The exposure time was 3000 s. We used the R1000B grism, with a spectral sampling of  $2.12 \text{ \AA pixel}^{-1}$  and a slit width of 1.2 arcsec. The slit included several of the galaxies in the cluster to the south of the main lensing galaxy. This position was chosen to include one of the lensed arc features. From these observations, we could measure the spectroscopic redshifts of three galaxies in the cluster, of 0.3950, 0.3956, and 0.3968, close to the SDSS photometric redshift. More details and analysis will be presented in R. Marques-Chaves et al. (2016, in preparation).

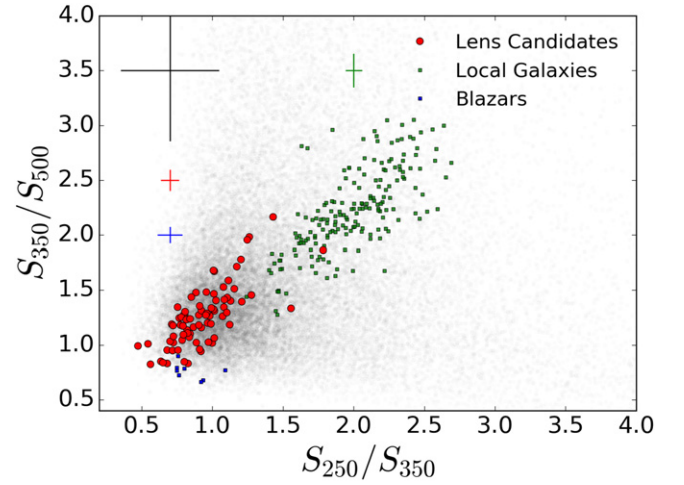


**Figure 3.** *Herschel*/SPIRE color vs. flux density plots for all of the sources in the HeLMS and HerS catalogs. Lens candidates, local galaxies, and blazars with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy are shown in color while all of the sources are shown in grayscale. Median error bars for all four populations are given at the top of the figures. The DSFGs in our gravitationally lensed candidate catalog are redder than the local galaxies, which is consistent with a greater redshift. The apparent offset of the lens candidates from the grayscale general population is due to our flux cut at  $S_{500} = 100$  mJy and vanishes in the color-color plot (Figure 4).

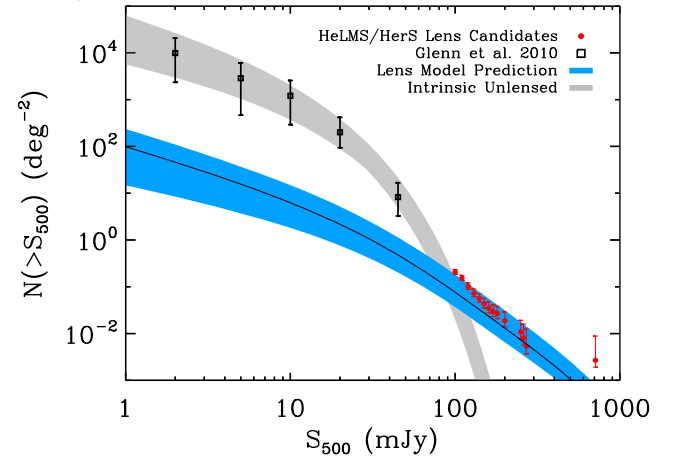
#### 4. DISCUSSION

##### 4.1. Far-infrared Colors

Figure 3 shows 250, 350, and 500  $\mu$ m color-flux density plots for all of the sources detected in the HeLMS and HerS catalogs. Sources of interest, with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy, are



**Figure 4.** Color-color plot for all sources in the HeLMS and HerS catalogs. Sources with  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy are highlighted when they belong to our lensing candidate, local galaxy, or blazar catalogs. The background grayscale shows the distribution of all sources in HeLMS and HerS. The colors of our candidate lensed DSFGs match those of the general HeLMS and HerS population. The error bars are standard deviations of the different populations.



**Figure 5.** Cumulative 500  $\mu$ m number counts as a function of the *Herschel*/SPIRE 500  $\mu$ m flux. The lensed galaxy candidate counts from HerS and HeLMS are overlaid in red. These are consistent with counts of lensed sources as predicted from lensing statistics (Wardlow et al. 2013) shown with the black line with the confidence interval in blue. For comparison, we show the unlensed source counts from the HerMES blank-field catalogs (Oliver et al. 2012) and from P(D) analysis (Glenn et al. 2010) as the gray shaded area and black squares, respectively. The total counts of *Herschel* detected sources in these fields will be presented in future studies (C. Clarke et al. 2016, in preparation, S. J. Oliver et al. 2016, in preparation).

highlighted in red, blue, and green, for our lens candidate galaxies, local galaxies, and blazars, respectively. As mentioned in Section 2, all of the flux measurements are taken from the HeLMS and HerS catalogs referenced above.

Our primary catalog of lensed DSFG candidate galaxies has median  $S_{350}/S_{500} = 1.29 \pm 0.10$ ,  $S_{250}/S_{350} = 0.90 \pm 0.06$ , and  $S_{250}/S_{500} = 1.16 \pm 0.09$  with the errors being the standard deviation of the distribution. In comparison, the general population of all sources has median  $S_{350}/S_{500} = 1.54 \pm 0.63$ ,  $S_{250}/S_{350} = 1.34 \pm 0.33$ , and  $S_{250}/S_{500} = 2.06 \pm 0.80$ . These have comparable colors, as expected, since the lensed candidates are drawn from the parent



population of *Herschel*-detected sources. The local galaxies have bluer colors than either the general population or our candidate lensed DSFGs, with median  $S_{350}/S_{500} = 2.29 \pm 0.13$ ,  $S_{250}/S_{350} = 2.07 \pm 0.08$ , and  $S_{250}/S_{500} = 4.74 \pm 0.27$ . As this population is exclusively composed of galaxies at very low redshift, the relatively blue color is expected. The blazars have median  $S_{350}/S_{500} = 0.68 \pm 0.08$ ,  $S_{250}/S_{350} = 0.93 \pm 0.08$ , and  $S_{250}/S_{500} = 0.63 \pm 0.05$ .

Our highlighted lens candidates, local galaxies, and blazars are offset from each other in the  $S_{250}/S_{350}$  versus  $S_{250}$ ,  $S_{250}/S_{500}$  versus  $S_{250}$ , and  $S_{350}/S_{500}$  versus  $S_{500}$  color-flux space due to our selection criteria. Since we limited our search to sources that are bright in  $S_{500}$ , which are correspondingly bright in  $S_{250}$ , the highlighted sources all appear shifted to the right in Figure 3. As we see in Figure 4, this effect is not present in the color-color space where the distribution of candidate galaxies follows the general population.

#### 4.2. Lensing Statistics

The statistics of lensing at sub-millimeter wavelengths have been discussed extensively in Perrotta et al. (2002), Negrello et al. (2007), Lima et al. (2010), Hezaveh & Holder (2011), and Wardlow et al. (2013) where similar techniques were used to identify lensed DSFGs in HerMES using *Herschel* 500  $\mu\text{m}$  observations. The adopted model assumes a foreground mass profile and spatial distribution for the lensing galaxies, along with a redshift distribution of DSFGs with  $S_{500} > 1$  mJy, which was adopted from Béthermin et al. (2012a) for unlensed DSFGs. The model ultimately makes predictions regarding the properties of lensed DSFGs (Wardlow et al. 2013). Figure 5 shows the cumulative 500  $\mu\text{m}$  number counts of galaxies considering the assumptions above. The cumulative number counts of lensed candidates are reported in Table 1. The confidence intervals in these measurements are calculated following the prescription of Gehrels (1986). We see a steep slope in the 500  $\mu\text{m}$  number counts of unlensed DSFGs, showing that the population of bright 500  $\mu\text{m}$  sources should be dominated by gravitationally lensed objects along with bright local spirals in the 500  $\mu\text{m}$  data (Wardlow et al. 2013).

According to the same lensing model, a 100 mJy flux cut produces a strong-lensing galaxy fraction of 32%–74% (Wardlow et al. 2013) with an intrinsic flux density distribution that peaks at 5 mJy for the DSFGs. Given the HeLMS and HerS detection limits, many of these sources would be undetected without the magnification boost coming from lensing. Another prediction of this statistical model is that source blending does not significantly affect the lensed DSFG selection. This takes into account the blending of several intrinsically faint sources within the *Herschel* beam size that could produce a source with a combined flux above 100 mJy at 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . Based on simulations, Wardlow et al. (2013) estimated that the blending of fainter galaxies has a probability of less than  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  to account for a source with flux density greater than 100 mJy. Within our sample of 77 lensed candidates, we do not expect a single source to result from the blending of two random fainter galaxies and still be identified as a single source. This is a result of the rarity of the bright DSFGs.

This estimate, however, ignores physical associations, rare instances of DSFG-DSFG mergers, or especially SMG-SMG mergers similar to those already uncovered with *Herschel* (e.g., Fu et al. 2013; Ivison et al. 2013). Such sources are now

**Table 1**  
Cumulative Number Density of Lensed Sources

Flux Limit 500 $\mu\text{m}$ (mJy)	Number Density ( $\text{deg}^{-2}$ )	Low 68% <sup>a</sup> ( $\text{deg}^{-2}$ )	High 68% <sup>a</sup> ( $\text{deg}^{-2}$ )
100	0.207	0.186	0.233
110	0.153	0.136	0.176
120	0.102	0.088	0.121
130	0.073	0.061	0.089
140	0.056	0.047	0.072
150	0.043	0.035	0.057
160	0.035	0.028	0.047
170	0.030	0.023	0.041
180	0.027	0.021	0.038
200	0.019	0.014	0.029
250	0.011	0.008	0.019
260	0.008	0.006	0.016
270	0.005	0.004	0.012
710	0.0027	0.0019	0.0088

**Note.**

<sup>a</sup> Confidence intervals are calculated following the prescription of Gehrels (1986).

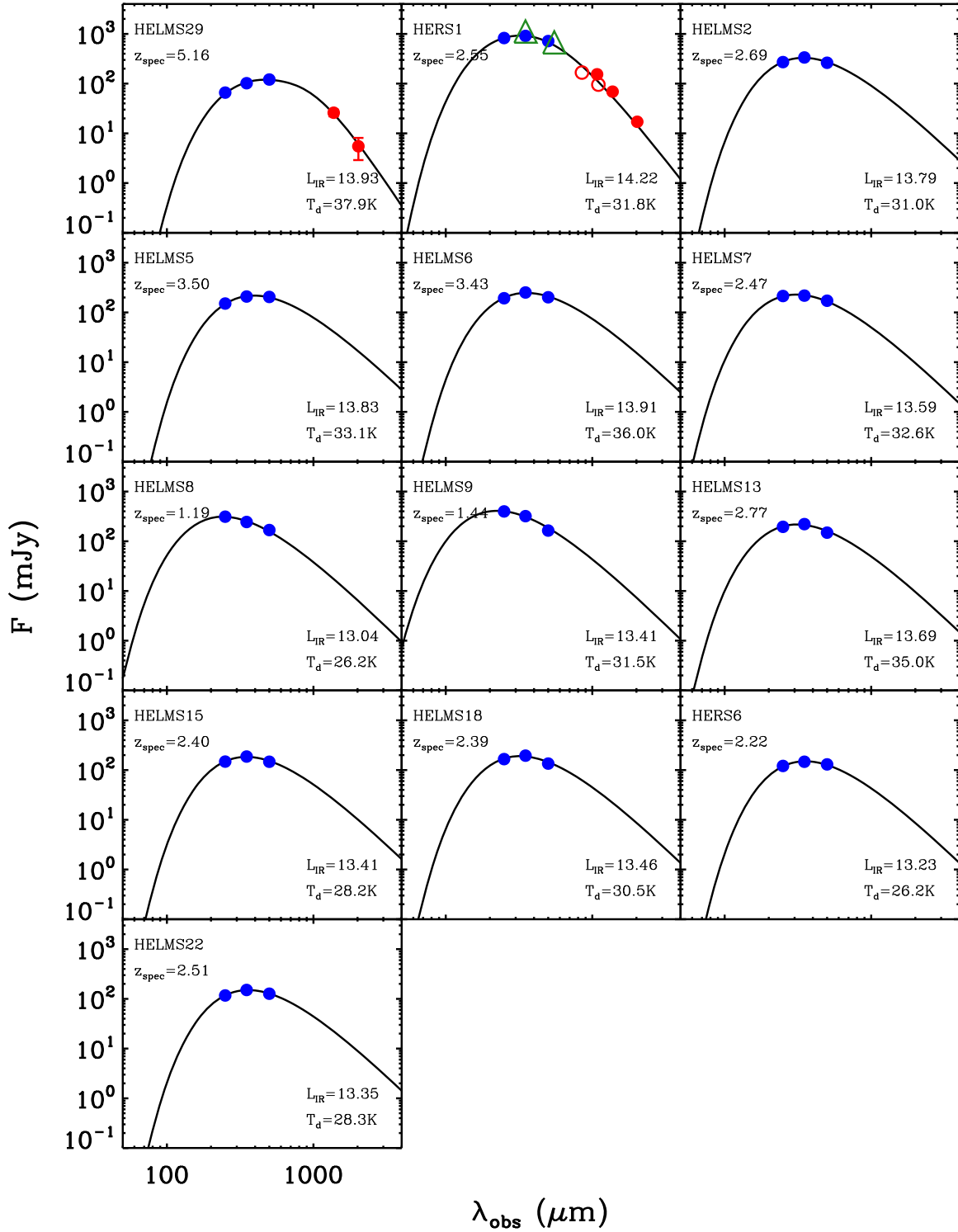
believed to make up a considerable fraction of the  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy population. Among the 13 lensed candidates in HerMES (Wardlow et al. 2013), 1 source was identified to be an SMG-SMG merger at  $z = 2.3$  using the Sub-Millimeter Array (SMA) and other follow-up observations (HXMM01 of Fu et al. 2013). Using ALMA in Cycle 0 (see Bussmann et al. 2015), an additional source from the group of 13 was found to be a blend of at least 3 DSFGs that are weakly to moderately lensed (with  $1 < \mu < 2$ ) by a low-redshift galaxy that is 6 arcsec away from the centroid of the 3 ALMA-detected sources. While we do not have precise predictions, we expect 10%–15% of the sample to be SMG-SMG mergers. Detailed follow-up studies of the statistically significant sample presented here, involving a total of 77 lensed candidates, can be used to estimate the fraction more precisely. The exact fraction of SMG-SMG mergers, and their luminosity and mass distribution, are crucial for connecting such mergers with the formation history of the most massive and red galaxies at  $z > 2$ .

#### 4.3. Luminosities and Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs)

For the subsample of lensed candidate DSFGs from HeLMS and HerS with CO-based redshifts, we deduce the observed total infrared luminosity ( $L_{\text{IR}}$ ; rest-frame 8–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) from the *Herschel*/SPIRE observations at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu\text{m}$  using modified blackbody fit to the data as explained in Casey (2012). The modified blackbody takes into account variations in opacity and source emissivity. These fits are summarized in Figure 6. Two of the sources overlap with the observations of Su et al. (2015), as discussed below, and we include their flux densities. For one of the targets, HERS1, we also include *Planck*-detected flux densities.

Figure 7 shows  $\mu L_{\text{IR}}$  as a function of spectroscopic redshift measured from CO observations. The DSFGs have measured total infrared luminosities between  $1.1 \times 10^{13} \mu^{-1} L_{\odot}$  and  $1.6 \times 10^{14} \mu^{-1} L_{\odot}$  and a median of  $4.9 \times 10^{13} \mu^{-1} L_{\odot}$ . Using a Kennicutt (1998) relation for star formation ( $\text{SFR} (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 4.5 \times 10^{-44} L_{\text{IR}} (\text{erg s}^{-1})$  with a Salpeter initial mass function; Salpeter 1955), we infer a median star

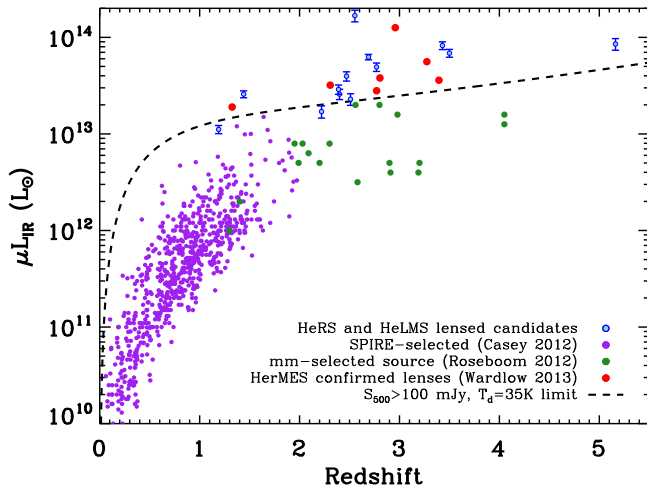




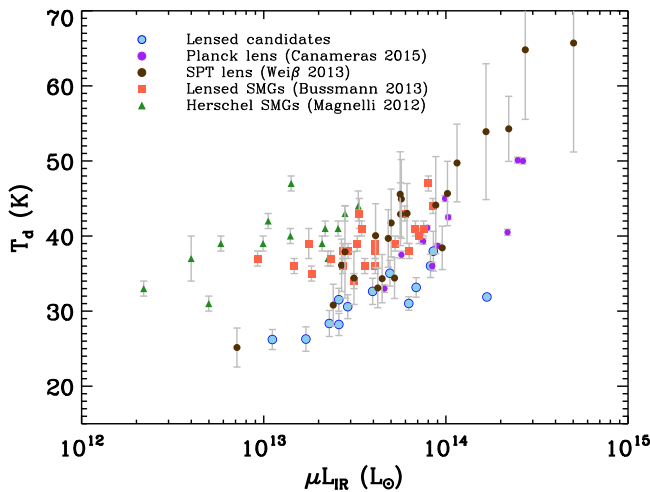
**Figure 6.** Far-infrared SED fits of the 13 HerS and HeLMS lens candidates with CO spectroscopic redshifts using a modified blackbody fit with  $\beta = 1.5$  (Casey 2012). The first two sources show millimeter-band observations from the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (Su et al. 2015) in filled red circles. HERS1 also has observations in millimeter-bands from Geach et al. (2015; open circles) and data from the *Planck* point-source catalog which is represented as open green triangles. The total infrared luminosity (integrated over 8–1000  $\mu\text{m}$  in units of  $\text{Log}(L_{\odot})$ ) and far-infrared measured dust temperatures from the blackbody fits ( $T_d$ ) are also reported for each object.

formation rate of  $\sim 8500 \mu^{-1} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . In the above,  $\mu$  is the gravitational lensing magnification for the *Herschel*-selected lensed DSFGs. We can estimate the average maximum magnification as a function of the 500  $\mu\text{m}$  flux from statistical gravitational lens modeling (Lapi et al. 2012; Wardlow et al. 2013) and direct observations of large SMA-detected

samples of lensed DSFGs and SMGs (Bussmann et al. 2013). The measured infrared luminosities for these targets far exceed those of normal star-forming and IR luminous systems, providing further evidence of gravitational lensing, which is consistent with previous studies of lensed DSFGs (Wardlow et al. 2013). In fact, given the average magnification for bright



**Figure 7.** Total observed infrared luminosity ( $\mu L_{\text{IR}}$ ; rest-frame 8–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) measured from the *Herschel*/SPIRE data as a function of redshift. The DSFG redshifts are from spectroscopic CO observations by CARMA (D. A. Reichers et al. 2016, in preparation) and the GBT (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation). The curved dashed line shows the detection limit for our candidate lensed DSFGs from a modified blackbody model with  $\beta = 1.5$ ,  $T_d = 35$  K, and 500  $\mu\text{m}$  flux of 100 mJy similar to our selection flux cut (see Casey 2012). For comparison, we show SPIRE-selected and millimeter-selected samples of star-forming galaxies from Casey et al. (2012) and Roseboom et al. (2012), respectively. Candidate lensed DSFGs identified by Wardlow et al. (2013) are shown with filled red circles. At any given redshift, the lensed DSFGs would have a total infrared luminosity that exceeds those of red star-forming galaxies because of the lensing magnification.



**Figure 8.** Dust temperature vs. total infrared luminosity for the candidate gravitationally lensed DSFGs in HeLMS and HeRS. The temperature and  $\mu L_{\text{IR}}$  (rest-frame 8–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) are plotted for a subsample of the lens candidates for which we have spectroscopic redshifts from CO observations by fitting a modified blackbody spectrum (see Casey 2012). The dust temperatures and infrared luminosities of several studies of lensed DSFGs and SMGs are shown for comparison (Magnelli et al. 2012; Bussmann et al. 2013; Weiß et al. 2013; Canameras et al. 2015). The smaller scatter in the derived dust temperatures is associated with the use of spectroscopic redshift information, from CO observations, in the SED fits. The lensed DSFGs have median dust temperatures of  $T_d \sim 31$  K indicating a secular mode of star formation.

gravitationally lensed sources (Bussmann et al. 2013; Wardlow et al. 2013), we infer a total infrared luminosity of lensed DSFGs which is consistent with that of normal IR-bright galaxies at similar redshifts.

Figure 8 shows the dust temperature, derived from the SED fits as described above, as a function of the total infrared

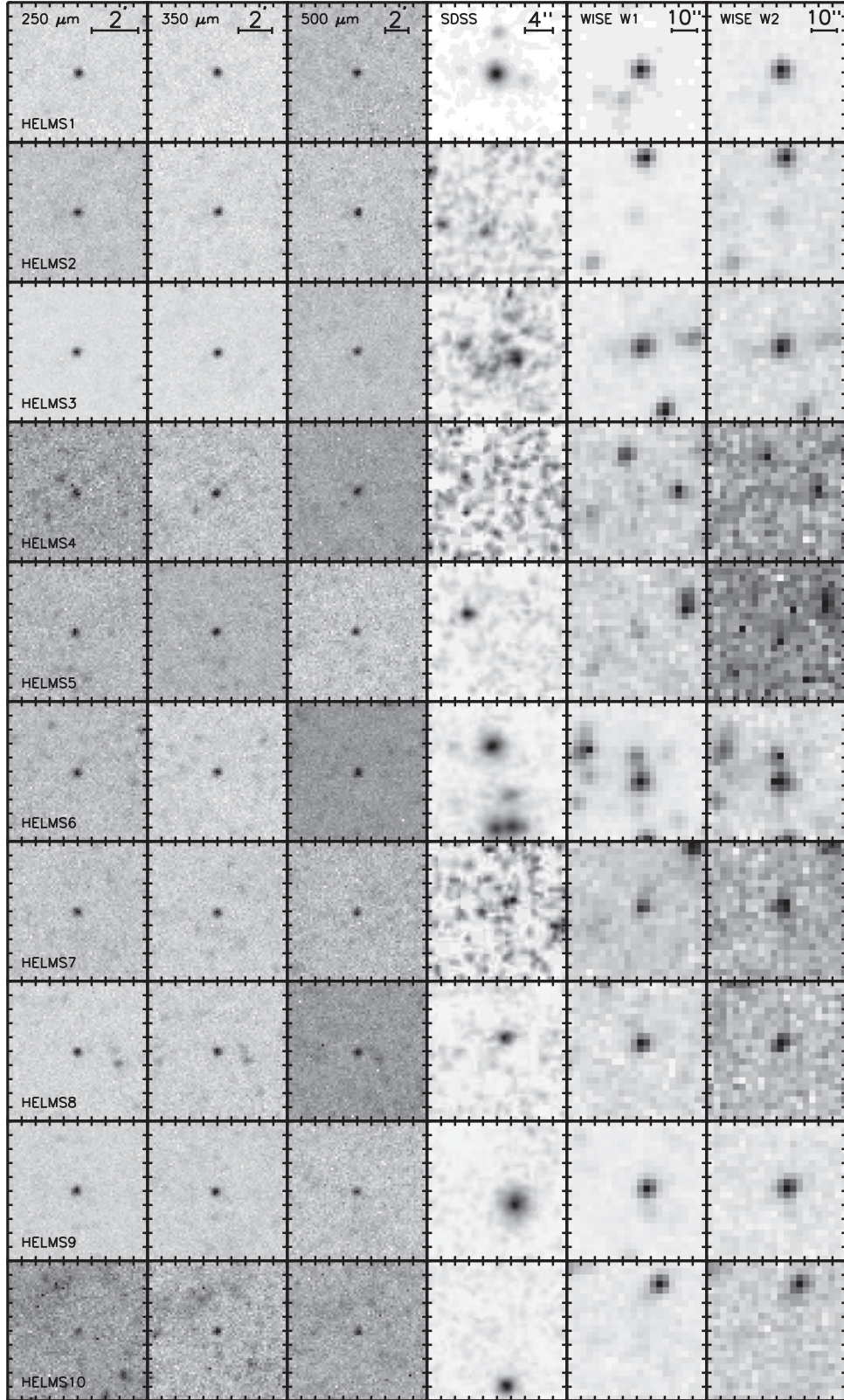
luminosity for our lensed DSFG candidates with spectroscopic redshifts in the HeLMS and HeRS fields. The candidate lensed systems have observed dust temperatures  $\sim 25$ –40 K and total observed luminosities ( $\mu L_{\text{IR}}$ ) as reported above. Figure 8 also shows the dust temperature and infrared luminosities of other samples of lensed DSFGs and SMGs from the literature (Magnelli et al. 2012; Bussmann et al. 2013; Weiß et al. 2013; Canameras et al. 2015) where we have converted the intrinsic values to observed properties given the derived magnifications in those studies. The spread in the distribution of these sources on the  $T_d$  versus  $\mu L_{\text{IR}}$  plane is mostly associated with the different selection functions and also the intrinsic properties of each population. Our candidate DSFGs show a smaller scatter in the measured properties that is mainly associated with the use of the redshift information (from the CO observations) for these systems in our SED fits (Magnelli et al. 2012). Our DSFG candidates have median SED measured dust temperatures of  $T_d \sim 31$  K. This indicates that our candidate DSFGs are more dominated by systems with cooler dust temperatures, which is more consistent with secular modes of star formation rather than merger-driven star formation activity (Magnelli et al. 2012), as is also evident from our high-resolution follow-up observations.

#### 4.4. Example Lensed Sources

HERS1, shown in Figure 2, was already identified as a lensed galaxy by a citizen science group, SPACEWARPS, making use of VISTA-CFHT optical imaging data in SDSS Stripe 82 (Geach et al. 2015). This is the brightest target in our list of 77 with a 500  $\mu\text{m}$  flux density of 717 mJy. It is a unique source in that it stands out at the bright-end separately on its own while the next set of lensed candidate sources have flux densities well below 300 mJy. The Keck/NIRC2 LGSAO HELMS Deep  $K_s$  band that we present in Figure 2, obtained prior to us knowing about the SPACEWARPS project and the Geach et al. (2015) publication, has substantially better resolution than the VISTA-CFHT  $K_s$ -band image in Geach et al. (2015). Unlike our previous lens follow-up programs in the  $K$  band which resulted in the need for deep integrations due to the faintness of the lensed source, HERS1 is bright enough in the  $K$  band that the lensing galaxy is easily visible in a single NIRC2 frame of 60 s.

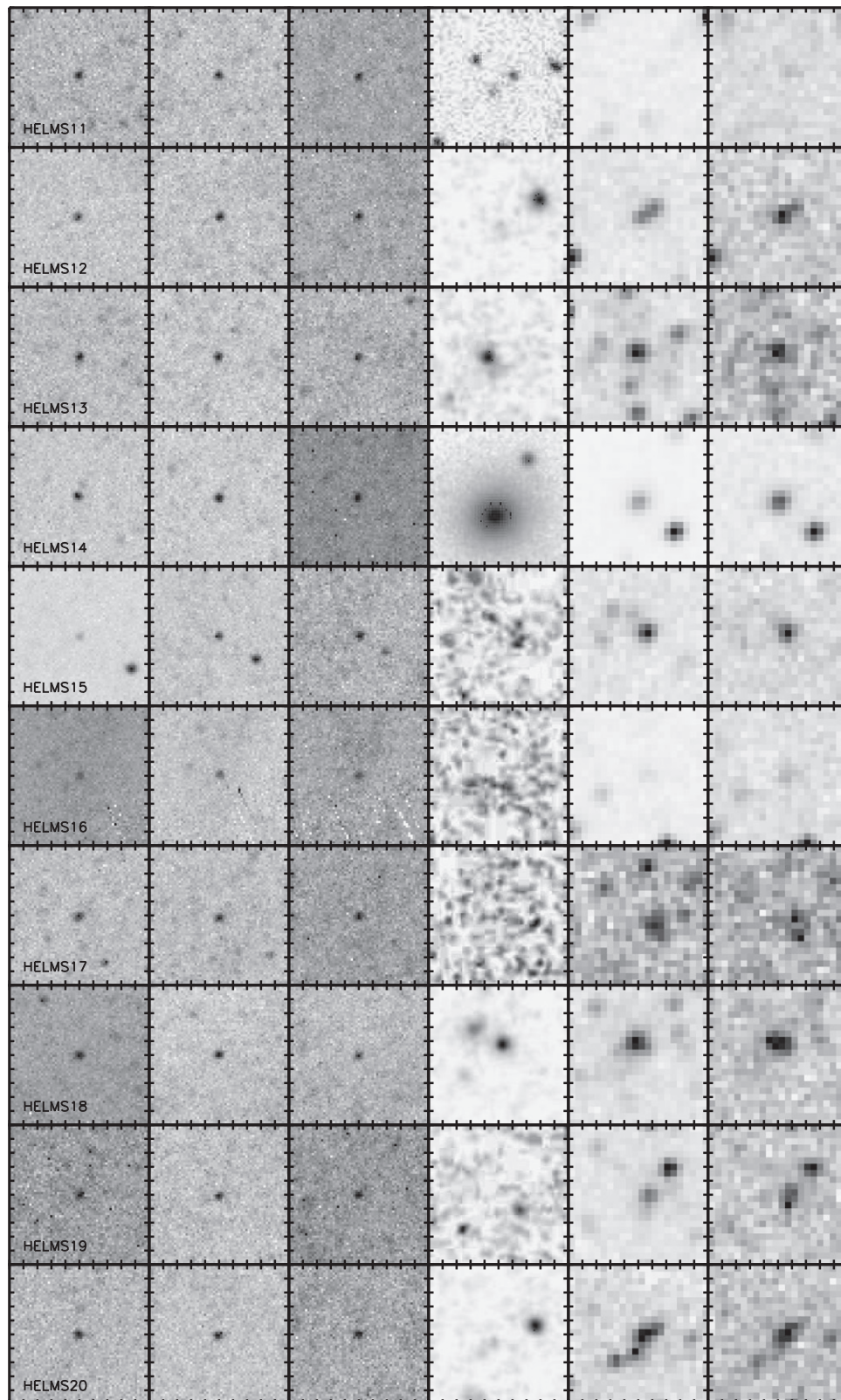
Additional multi-wavelength observations of this target, including CO spectroscopy, are reported in Geach et al. (2015). HERS1 is also detected in the *Planck* all-sky point-source catalog and is identified as PCCS2 857 G160.58-56.76 in the *Planck* 857 GHz point-source catalog with a separation of less than 1 arcminute from the *Herschel*/SPIRE 250  $\mu\text{m}$  position, which is smaller than the FWHM resolution of *Planck* ( $\sim 4'$ ) at 857 GHz. *Planck* has a 857 GHz flux of  $1118 \pm 408$  mJy and a 545 GHz flux of  $676 \pm 197$  mJy. These flux densities are consistent with the SPIRE 350  $\mu\text{m}$  and 500  $\mu\text{m}$  fluxes of  $912 \pm 7$  mJy and  $718 \pm 8$  mJy, respectively. The SED is shown in Figure 6. Fixing  $\beta = 1.5$  does not provide a good fit for HERS1 given the additional data that we have, particularly at longer wavelengths. We kept  $\beta$  as a free parameter (Casey 2012) while fitting the full SED of HERS1 with *Herschel*/SPIRE, *Planck*, and ACT data, giving  $\beta = 1.9$  and providing a better fit.

In a recent study, Su et al. (2015) identified a sample of nine gravitationally lensed DSFGs using the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) in Stripe 82. Six of the nine



**Figure 9.** The postage stamp images of the candidate gravitationally lensed DSFGs in the HeLMS field in the *Herschel* far-infrared, SDSS optical, and *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE; Wright et al. 2010) infrared bands. The *Herschel* cutouts are from our SANEPIE maps (see Asboth et al. 2016) with the coordinates derived from the higher-resolution 250  $\mu\text{m}$  observations. The SDSS data are from deep co-adds by Jiang et al. (2014) when available and single epoch observations from SDSS DR12 when deeper data is not available. The infrared data are in the WISE W1 (at 3.4  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and W2 (at 4.6  $\mu\text{m}$ ) bands using unWISE images (Lang 2014). The image scales are shown for the first row. The lensed candidates are point-like bright targets in the *Herschel* SPIRE cutouts. The SDSS and WISE cutouts show the lensing foreground galaxies.



**Figure 9.** (Continued.)

lensing galaxies have  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy. We had independently selected these six candidates in our sample, prior to our knowledge of the Su et al. (2015) study or preprint, in the current sample of HerS/HeLMS candidate gravitationally

lensed galaxies. The three targets not selected in our study have  $S_{500} < 100$  mJy and fall outside of our lensed DSFG candidate selection. The far-infrared fluxes of all 12 ACT candidates are consistent with the *Herschel*/SPIRE fluxes of

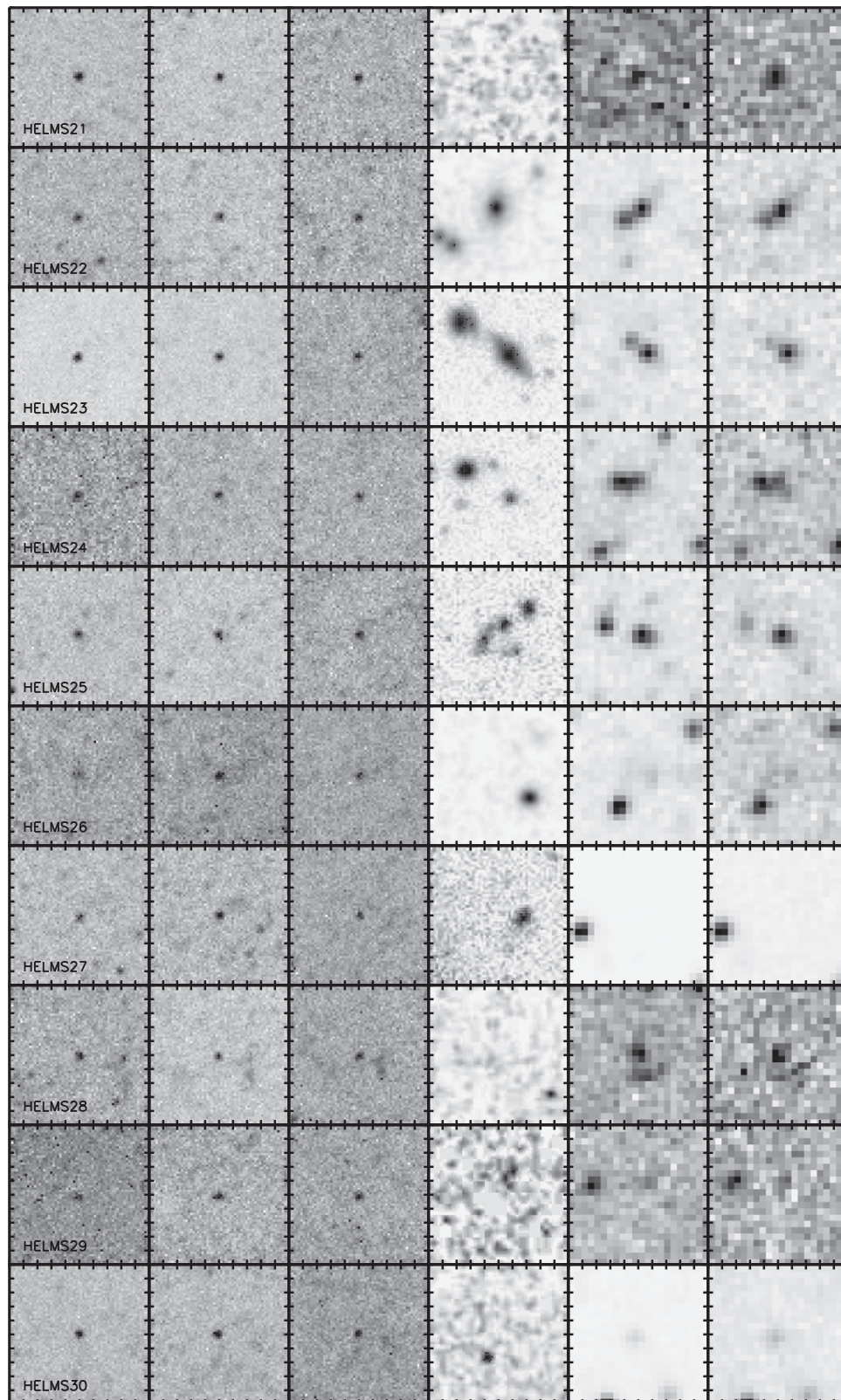


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the corresponding sources in our catalog, given the errors and the leeway in the SED fits. Two of the ACT-detected lensed galaxies in our catalog (HERS1 and HELMS29) have spectroscopic redshifts from CO observations (A. I. Harris

et al. 2016, in preparation, D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation). HELMS29, at  $z = 5.162$  (see below), is the highest-redshift lensing galaxy in our sample. We use this redshift along with the *Herschel* far-infrared and ACT



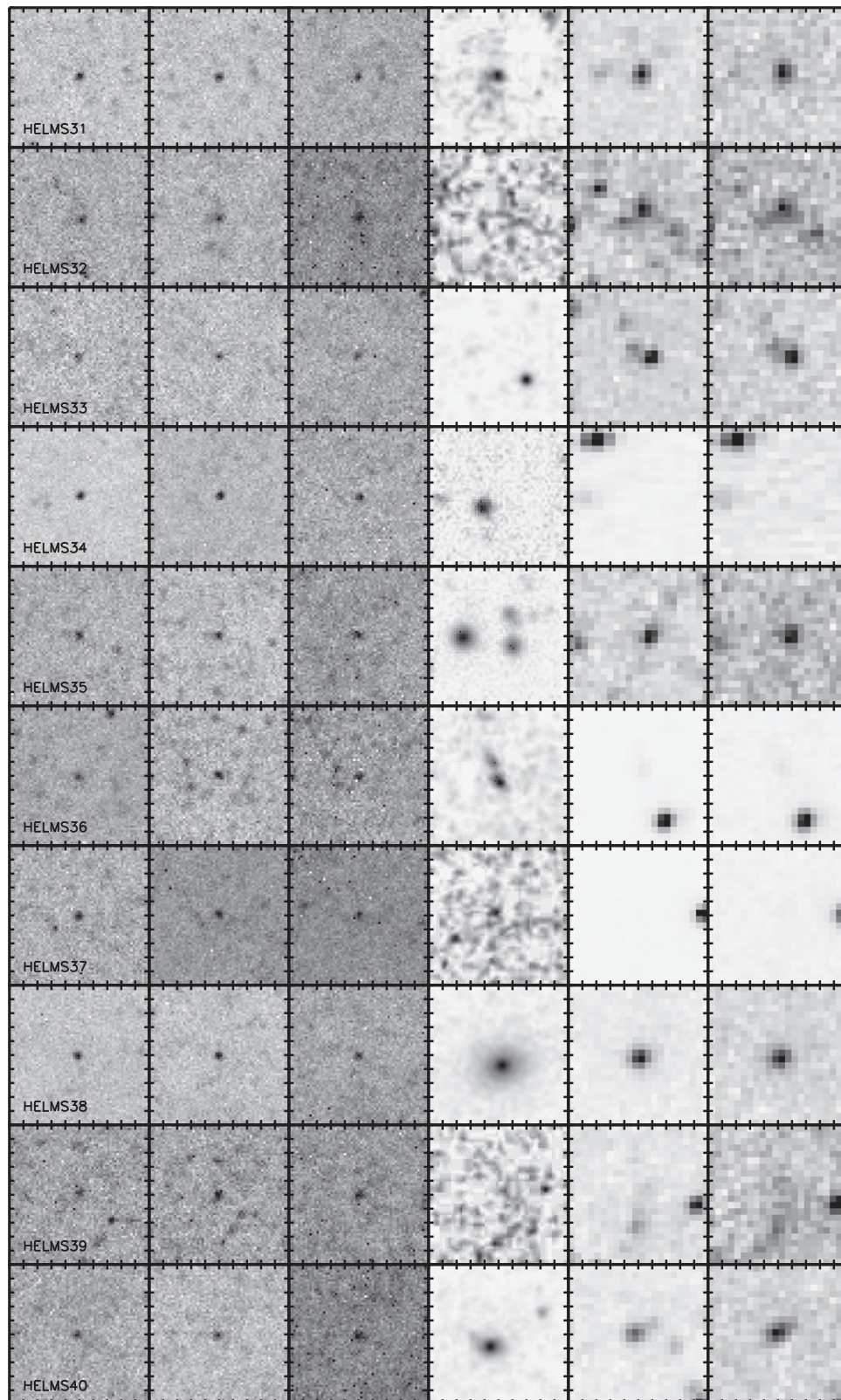


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millimeter data to construct the SED (Figure 6). Similar to HERS1, discussed above, we treated  $\beta$  as a free parameter in the SED fit of HELMS29. The addition of ACT data provided a better fit to the flux densities at longer wavelengths with

$\beta = 2.6$  (for more details on the fitting procedure, see Casey 2012). Su et al. (2015) also present deep follow-up observations of their lensing sample, including the CO redshift of one additional source (their other redshift is for



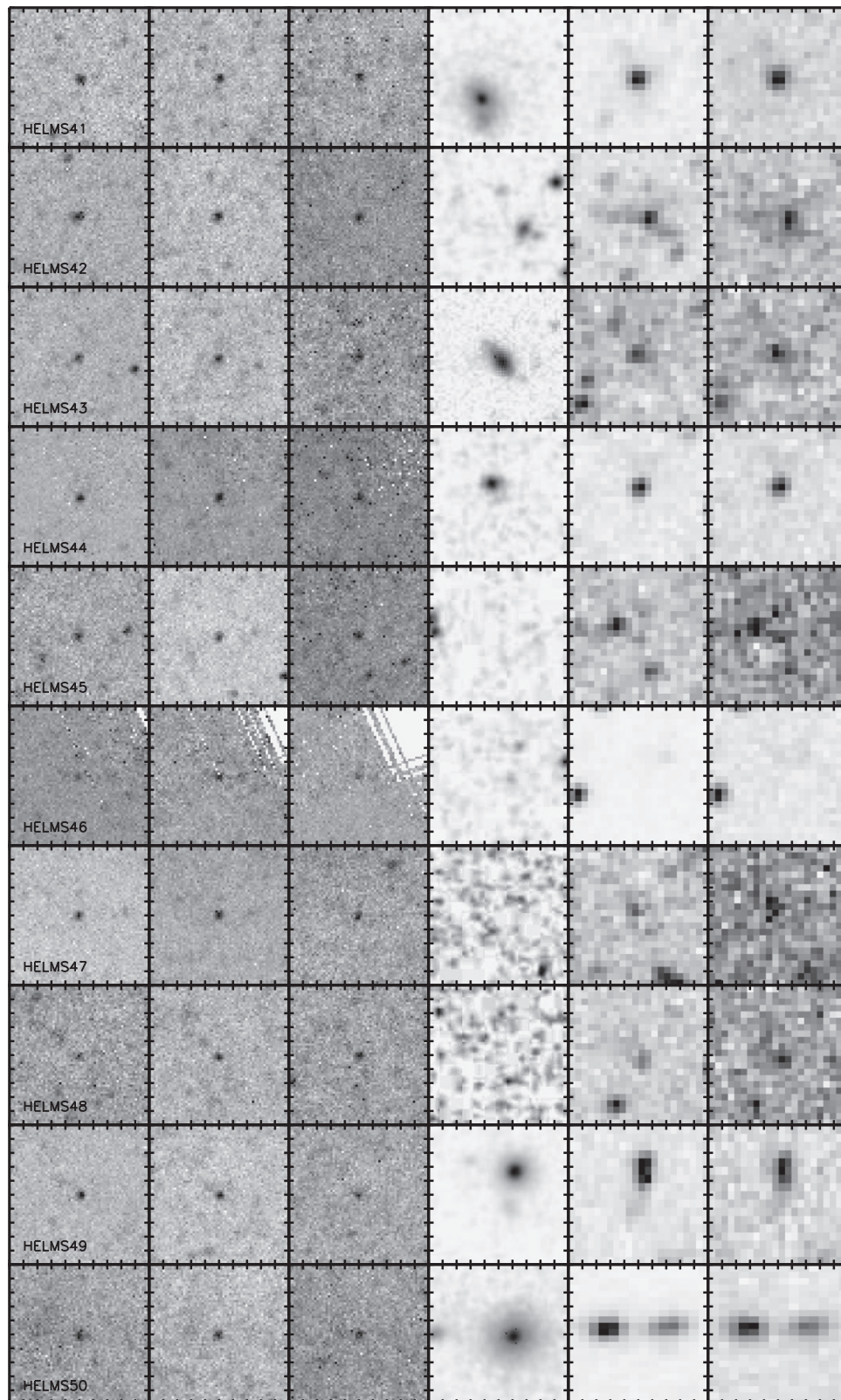


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HERS1). Unfortunately, that source does not fall within the  $S_{500} > 100$  mJy limit we have used in the present catalog. These independent follow-up campaigns by different groups (which we label as “battle of HELMS deep”) will likely result

in additional redshifts for the lens galaxy sample we have presented here.

Asboth et al. (2016) discuss the “red” galaxies in HeLMS with  $S_{500} > S_{350} > S_{250}$ . Such a selection identifies candidate SMGs

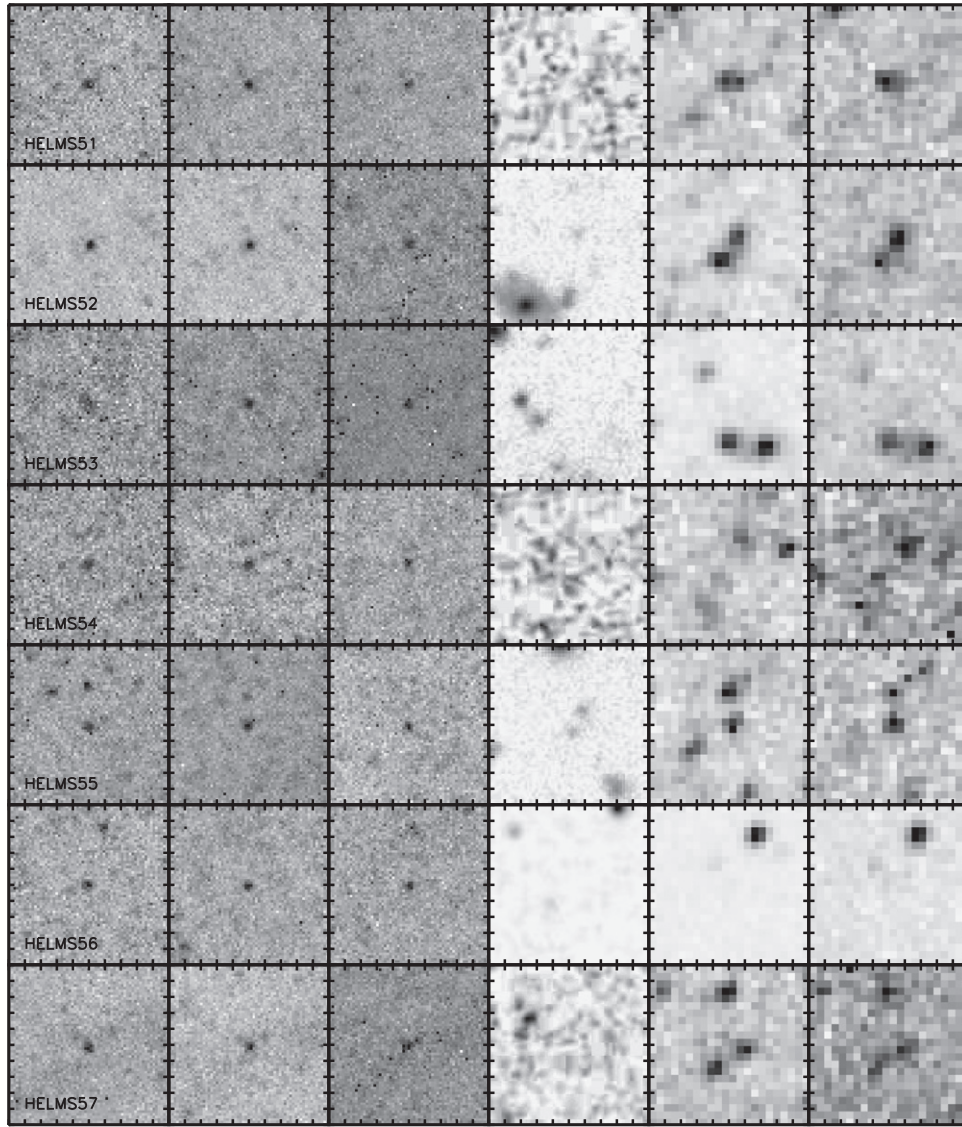


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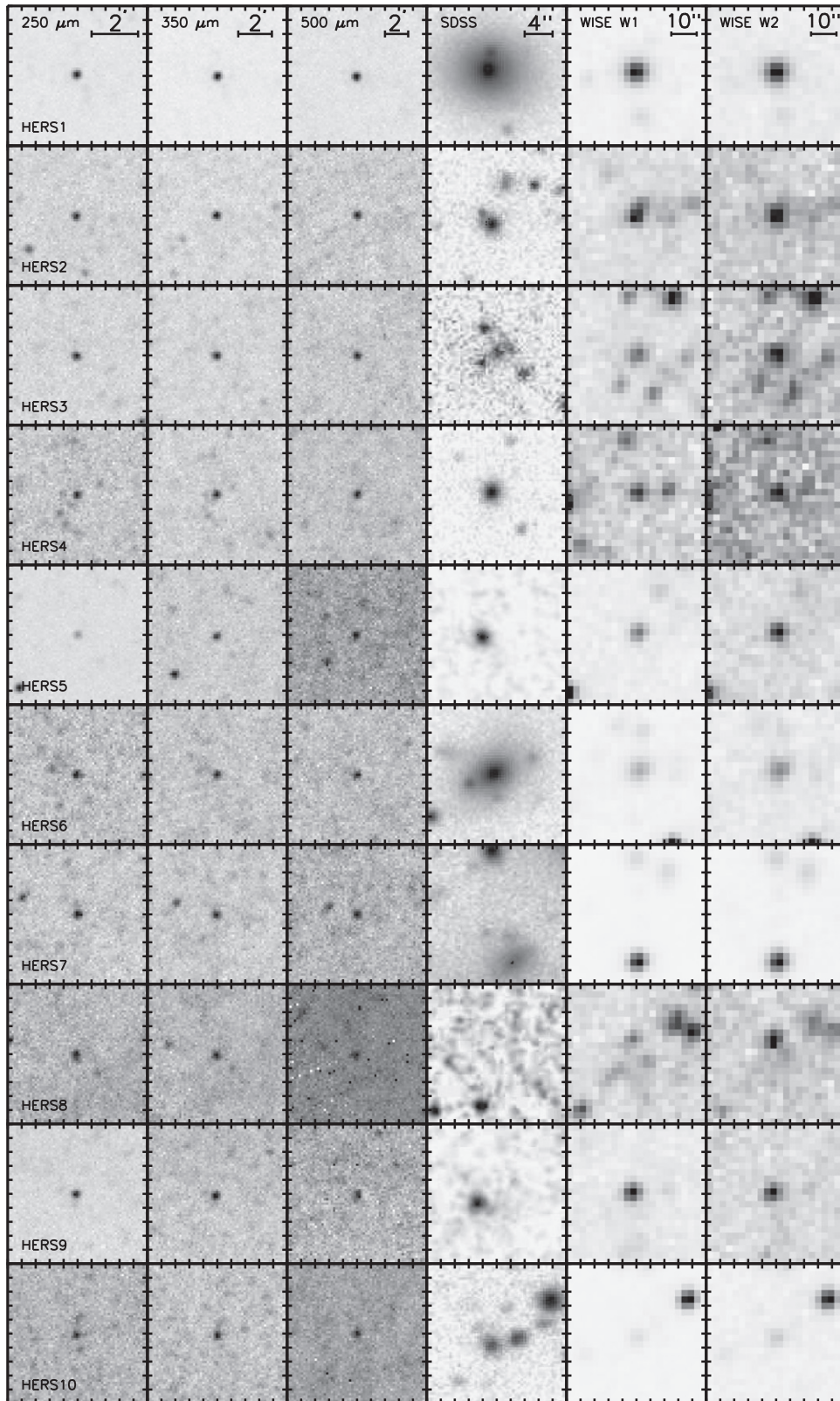
with  $z > 4$ , which is similar to the selection that led to HFLS3 (Riechers et al. 2013; Cooray et al. 2014), as discussed in Dowell et al. (2014). Six targets overlap between the two samples and are identified here in Table 2. These sources are likely to be lensed galaxies with  $z > 4$ . One such candidate, HELMS29, has a CO-based redshift of 5.162 and is discussed in detail in Asboth et al. (2016). The redshift is also confirmed by an ALMA Cycle 1 observation (PI: Conley), as discussed in Asboth et al. (2016). The HeLMS and HerS candidate list presented here is also part of a ALMA Cycle 2 snapshot program (PI: Eales). Ten of the targets from the HeLMS list have secured observations at 350 GHz and those targets are identified in Table 2. Tables 2–4 in the Appendix summarize our identified lensed candidates. The ALMA data, lensing models, and multi-wavelength analysis will be presented in future papers.

## 5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We used *Herschel*/SPIRE maps of the HeLMS and HerS surveys to produce a list of candidate gravitationally lensed DSFGs. Our main findings are as follow.

1. We identified 77 candidate lensed DSFGs in the combined  $372 \text{ deg}^2$  region covered by the *Herschel* HeLMS and HerS fields ( $0.21 \pm 0.03 \text{ deg}^{-2}$ ).
2. Candidate DSFGs are bright in the SPIRE  $500 \mu\text{m}$  observations ( $S_{500} > 100 \text{ mJy}$  by selection). We further show that the colors of our candidate DSFGs are redder than the local spiral galaxies, which is indicative of a separate population at high-redshift.
3. A few of our brighter lensed DSFGs with red SEDs in the HeLMS field were recently discovered in a parallel study





**Figure 10.** Same as Figure 9, but for the HerS Sample of Gravitationally Lensed DSFG Candidates.

(Asboth et al. 2016). ACT also confirmed the existence of a small subsample of our lensed DSFG candidates (Su et al. 2015). This further demonstrates the robustness of our selection of high-redshift lensed galaxies.

4. High-resolution near-infrared follow-up observations of a few of the candidates with Keck/NIRC2 AO and the William Herschel Telescope (WHT) reveal arcs and distorted images associated with gravitational lensing.



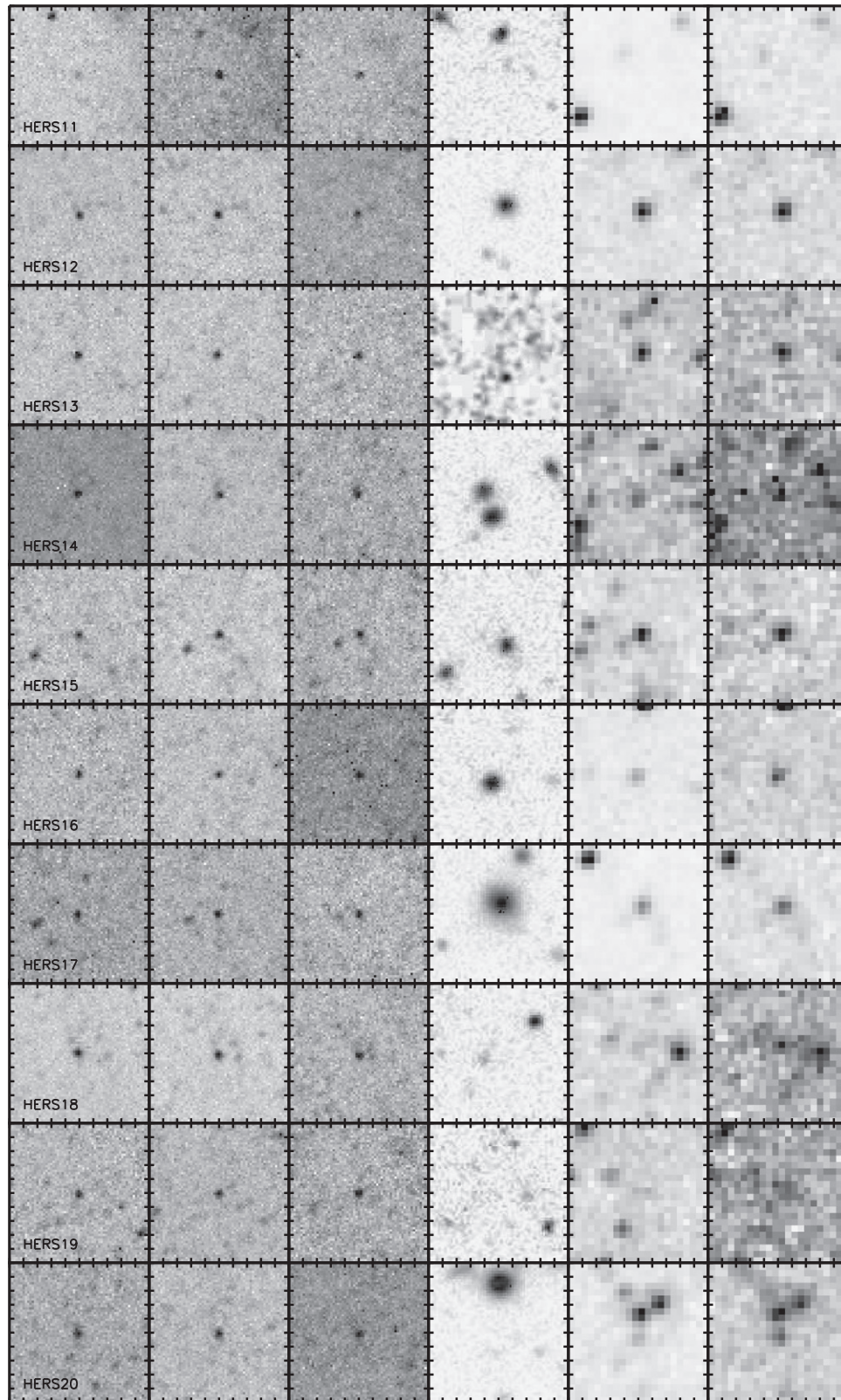


Figure 10. (Continued.)

5. Spectroscopic redshifts measured from CO molecular line observations (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation; D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation) for 13 of the candidates put the population of lensed DSFGs at  $z > 1$ ,

whereas the foreground lensing galaxies have a redshift distribution that peaks at  $z < 1$ . This further supports the scenario of a population of distant objects being gravitationally lensed by nearby foreground galaxies.

6. We fit the far-infrared SED of the candidate lensed DSFGs with a modified blackbody which gives us the best-fit total infrared luminosity ( $L_{\text{IR}}$ ; rest-frame 8–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and dust temperature ( $T_d$ ). For the SED fittings, we fix the redshift of the galaxy to spectroscopic redshifts from CO observations. Two of the candidate DSFGs (HERS1 and HELMS29) also have longer wavelength data from ACT observations with HERS1 also being detected in the *Planck* point-source catalog. We use these additional data in our SED analysis.
7. The lensed DSFGs have median total infrared luminosities of  $4.9 \times 10^{13} \mu^{-1} L_{\odot}$ , where  $\mu$  is the gravitational lensing magnification factor. The observed infrared luminosity for lensed DSFGs far exceeds that of normal star-forming galaxies at similar redshifts. In fact, given the average magnification for bright, gravitationally lensed sources (Bussmann et al. 2013), we infer a total infrared luminosity of lensed DSFGs consistent with that of normal IR-bright galaxies at similar redshifts.
8. The candidate lensed galaxies have SED measured dust temperatures in the range of  $25 \text{ K} < T_d < 38 \text{ K}$  with a median of  $T_d \sim 31 \text{ K}$  and a small scatter given the spectroscopic CO information. The relatively low dust temperature compared to the merger-driven dust temperatures in the IR luminous galaxies at similar redshifts supports the secular star formation evolution within these systems.

Given the high success rate of high-redshift DSFG observations selected similarly from other studies (Negrello et al. 2010; Wardlow et al. 2013) and from our own follow-up high-resolution observations, we can conclude that the present catalog is a robust list of bona fide gravitationally lensed galaxies at  $z > 1$ . About 10%–15% of the sample are likely luminous SMG–SMG mergers that are of interest for understanding the formation paths of massive galaxies at  $z > 2$ . The lensing nature, properties of the lensed galaxies, and identification of SMG–SMG mergers for further studies will require carefully planned follow-up campaigns with a variety of facilities in the future.

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## APPENDIX CANDIDATE LENSED GALAXIES

Tables 2–4 summarize our identified lensed candidates.

**Table 2**  
HeLMS Lens Candidates ( $S_{500} > 100$  mJy)

Object ID	R.A.	decl.	$S_{250}$ (mJy)	$S_{350}$ (mJy)	$S_{500}$ (mJy)
HELMS1	23 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup> .0	−06°52′20″	431 ± 6	381 ± 7	272 ± 7
HELMS2 <sup>c</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup> .4	−03°11′34″	271 ± 6	336 ± 6	263 ± 8
HELMS3	00 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 15 <sup>s</sup> .9	−01°28′29″	643 ± 7	510 ± 6	258 ± 7
HELMS4 <sup>a,b</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> .2	+01°18′21″	113 ± 7	177 ± 6	209 ± 8
HELMS5 <sup>c</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 51 <sup>s</sup> .5	−04°19′38″	151 ± 6	209 ± 6	205 ± 8
HELMS6	23 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup> .8	−06°08′28″	193 ± 7	252 ± 6	202 ± 8
HELMS7 <sup>c</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> 39 <sup>s</sup> .5	−04°39′36″	214 ± 7	218 ± 7	172 ± 9
HELMS8 <sup>c</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> .2	+03°24′54″	312 ± 6	244 ± 7	168 ± 8
HELMS9 <sup>c</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup> .6	+01°57′51″	398 ± 6	320 ± 6	164 ± 8
HELMS10 <sup>a</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup> .6	+06°13′19″	88 ± 6	129 ± 6	155 ± 7
HELMS11 <sup>a,b</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup> .6	+00°24′26″	140 ± 7	157 ± 7	154 ± 8
HELMS12	23 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup> .5	−07°11′42″	178 ± 7	184 ± 6	154 ± 7
HELMS13 <sup>c</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 15 <sup>s</sup> .7	+03°24′35″	195 ± 6	221 ± 6	149 ± 7
HELMS14	00 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup> .8	−00°24′20″	251 ± 6	247 ± 6	148 ± 7
HELMS15 <sup>c</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup> .7	−05°34′26″	148 ± 6	187 ± 6	147 ± 9
HELMS16	23 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 57 <sup>s</sup> .2	−05°30′35″	143 ± 7	183 ± 7	146 ± 8
HELMS17	23 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup> .3	−04°45′25″	190 ± 6	189 ± 6	142 ± 8
HELMS18 <sup>c</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 59 <sup>s</sup> .5	+06°22′41″	166 ± 6	195 ± 6	135 ± 7
HELMS19	23 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> .3	−03°35′59″	114 ± 6	160 ± 7	134 ± 8
HELMS20	23 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 28 <sup>s</sup> .8	−04°51′06″	162 ± 6	178 ± 7	132 ± 8
HELMS21	00 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 00 <sup>s</sup> .1	−06°02′35″	206 ± 6	186 ± 7	130 ± 7
HELMS22 <sup>c</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 26 <sup>s</sup> .0	+04°26′13″	117 ± 7	151 ± 6	127 ± 7
HELMS23	00 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup> .2	−01°11′49″	391 ± 7	273 ± 6	126 ± 8
HELMS24 <sup>a,b</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> .1	−00°22′52″	82 ± 6	120 ± 6	126 ± 7
HELMS25	00 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup> .0	−01°03′07″	178 ± 6	186 ± 7	125 ± 8
HELMS26 <sup>a</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup> .1	+06°14′44″	85 ± 7	119 ± 6	125 ± 8
HELMS27	00 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup> .0	−01°06′22″	125 ± 7	144 ± 6	124 ± 8
HELMS28	00 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup> .2	−02°06′25″	114 ± 6	135 ± 6	122 ± 7
HELMS29 <sup>a,b</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup> .9	−01°55′24″	66 ± 6	102 ± 6	121 ± 7
HELMS30	00 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 27 <sup>s</sup> .1	−02°46′24″	185 ± 6	170 ± 6	121 ± 7
HELMS31	00 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 53 <sup>s</sup> .5	−06°02′00″	178 ± 7	176 ± 6	120 ± 7
HELMS32	00 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 36 <sup>s</sup> .9	+01°40′13″	103 ± 6	112 ± 6	119 ± 7
HELMS33	00 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup> .1	−02°11′53″	81 ± 7	98 ± 6	118 ± 8
HELMS34	00 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup> .5	+00°12′04″	248 ± 6	206 ± 7	116 ± 8
HELMS35	23 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 00 <sup>s</sup> .1	−00°56′43″	122 ± 6	132 ± 7	114 ± 8
HELMS36	23 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> .0	+01°21′52″	115 ± 6	115 ± 6	113 ± 8
HELMS37	01 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup> .8	+05°32′01″	122 ± 6	120 ± 6	113 ± 7
HELMS38	00 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup> .1	+03°40′44″	190 ± 6	157 ± 6	113 ± 7
HELMS39	00 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 36 <sup>s</sup> .3	+02°07′10″	81 ± 6	107 ± 6	112 ± 7
HELMS40 <sup>c</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup> .0	+03°17′18″	102 ± 6	123 ± 7	111 ± 7
HELMS41	23 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup> .5	−03°21′19″	130 ± 6	131 ± 6	110 ± 7
HELMS42	23 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> .6	−07°07′38″	158 ± 6	154 ± 6	110 ± 8
HELMS43	23 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup> .4	−00°34′58″	156 ± 7	141 ± 5	109 ± 8
HELMS44	23 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup> .5	−04°56′58″	220 ± 8	141 ± 7	106 ± 8
HELMS45	00 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 26 <sup>s</sup> .9	+02°08′10″	107 ± 6	142 ± 6	106 ± 7
HELMS46	00 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup> .3	+07°35′09″	82 ± 9	113 ± 9	105 ± 10
HELMS47	23 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 51 <sup>s</sup> .6	−03°00′19″	186 ± 7	167 ± 6	105 ± 8
HELMS48	23 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup> .6	−03°14′16″	49 ± 6	104 ± 6	105 ± 8
HELMS49	23 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 21 <sup>s</sup> .9	−06°47′40″	173 ± 6	161 ± 7	105 ± 8
HELMS50	23 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup> .7	−02°44′26″	112 ± 6	124 ± 6	105 ± 7
HELMS51	23 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup> 17 <sup>s</sup> .5	−02°53′19″	86 ± 6	109 ± 6	104 ± 7
HELMS52	23 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 27 <sup>s</sup> .1	−00°23′43″	182 ± 6	157 ± 6	104 ± 8
HELMS53 <sup>b</sup>	00 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup> .6	−00°01′23″	48 ± 7	85 ± 6	103 ± 8
HELMS54	00 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup> 18 <sup>s</sup> .1	+02°39′43″	69 ± 6	87 ± 6	103 ± 7
HELMS55	23 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup> .8	−00°40′35″	95 ± 7	120 ± 6	102 ± 7
HELMS56	00 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 25 <sup>s</sup> .7	+04°25′09″	89 ± 6	98 ± 6	102 ± 7
HELMS57	00 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup> .7	+07°28′06″	134 ± 6	135 ± 7	101 ± 8

**Notes.**<sup>a</sup> Red source in Asboth et al. (2016).<sup>b</sup> ACT identified lensed DSFG (Su et al. 2015).<sup>c</sup> ALMA Cycle 1 targets (PI: Eales).



**Table 3**  
HerS Lens Candidates ( $S_{500} > 100$  mJy)

Object ID	R.A.	decl.	$S_{250}$ (mJy)	$S_{350}$ (mJy)	$S_{500}$ (mJy)
HERS1 <sup>a,b</sup>	02 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup> .2	+00°15'58"	826 ± 7	912 ± 7	718 ± 8
HERS2	01 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup> .6	−00°27'05"	240 ± 6	260 ± 6	198 ± 7
HERS3	01 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup> .1	+00°49'40"	253 ± 6	250 ± 6	191 ± 7
HERS4 <sup>b</sup>	01 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup> .1	−00°04'54"	137 ± 7	196 ± 7	190 ± 8
HERS5	01 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup> .5	+01°29'50"	268 ± 8	228 ± 7	133 ± 9
HERS6	01 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup> .2	−00°33'01"	121 ± 7	147 ± 6	130 ± 8
HERS7	01 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup> .8	+00°31'57"	165 ± 7	154 ± 6	122 ± 7
HERS8	01 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 38 <sup>s</sup> .9	−01°48'30"	146 ± 8	152 ± 7	118 ± 10
HERS9	01 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup> .7	−01°17'33"	393 ± 8	220 ± 8	118 ± 9
HERS10	01 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup> .3	+00°56'24"	105 ± 6	125 ± 6	117 ± 7
HERS11	00 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup> .3	−01°00'17"	63 ± 8	116 ± 7	115 ± 9
HERS12	01 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 46 <sup>s</sup> .3	−00°11'43"	152 ± 8	135 ± 7	114 ± 9
HERS13	01 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 21 <sup>s</sup> .0	+01°17'24"	165 ± 8	153 ± 7	114 ± 10
HERS14	01 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 57 <sup>s</sup> .3	−01°05'47"	136 ± 8	143 ± 8	112 ± 9
HERS15	01 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup> 06 <sup>s</sup> .9	+00°34'57"	94 ± 6	130 ± 7	110 ± 7
HERS16	02 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 34 <sup>s</sup> .4	+00°59'26"	110 ± 9	134 ± 8	109 ± 10
HERS17	02 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup> .6	−00°46'12"	110 ± 8	130 ± 8	105 ± 9
HERS18	01 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 12 <sup>s</sup> .2	+00°17'54"	176 ± 7	175 ± 6	104 ± 8
HERS19	02 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup> .1	+00°05'01"	89 ± 6	112 ± 6	102 ± 8
HERS20	01 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 46 <sup>s</sup> .1	+01°05'43"	107 ± 8	133 ± 8	102 ± 11

**Note.**<sup>a</sup> Lensed sources identified in Geach et al. (2015).<sup>b</sup> ACT identified lensed DSFG (Su et al. 2015).

**Table 4**  
Redshift of the Foreground Lensing Galaxy and the Background Lensed Submillimeter Galaxy

ID	Name	$z$ (Foreground) <sup>a</sup>	$z$ (SMG)
HERS1	HERS J020941.1+001557	0.202 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.00006	2.553 <sup>c</sup>
HELMS2	HERMES J233255.5-031134	0.426 ± 0.1483	2.6899 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS5	HERMES J234051.3-041937	...	3.50 <sup>e</sup>
HELMS6	HERMES J233620.7-060826	0.3958 <sup>f</sup> ± 0.0007	3.434 <sup>e</sup>
HERS2	HERS J012041.5-002705	0.732 ± 0.0406	...
HERS4	HERS J011640.0-000453	0.445 ± 0.0612	...
HELMS7	HERMES J232439.4-043934	...	2.473 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS8	HERMES J004714.1+032453	0.478 ± 0.0847	1.19 <sup>e</sup>
HELMS9	HERMES J004723.3+015749	0.299 ± 0.0542	1.441 <sup>e</sup>
HELMS10	HERMES J005258.6+061317	0.241 ± 0.1176	...
HELMS12	HERMES J235601.5-071144	0.775 ± 0.0800	...
HELMS13	HERMES J001615.8+032433	0.663 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.00025	2.765 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS14	HERMES J003619.7+002420	0.258 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.00005	...
HELMS15	HERMES J233255.7-053424	0.976 ± 0.0565	2.4024 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS18	HERMES J005159.4+062240	...	2.392 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS19	HERMES J232210.3-033600	0.143 ± 0.0869	...
HERS5	HERS J012620.5+012949	0.431 ± 0.0495	...
HELMS21	HERMES J001800.1-060234	0.574 ± 0.1237	...
HERS6	HERS J010301.2-003300	0.429 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.00010	2.2153 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS22	HERMES J001626.0+042613	0.218 ± 0.0175	2.5093 <sup>d</sup>
HELMS23	HERMES J005841.0-011148	0.375 ± 0.0777	...
HELMS24	HERMES J003813.9-002253	0.169 ± 0.0846	...
HELMS25	HERMES J004123.8-010311	0.271 ± 0.0716	...
HELMS28	HERMES J003009.2-020623	0.415 ± 0.1188	...
HERS7	HERS J010133.7+003157	0.334 ± 0.1205	...
HELMS29	HERMES J002220.9-015520	...	5.162 <sup>g</sup>
HELMS30	HERMES J001027.1-024625	0.851 ± 0.1137	...
HELMS31	HERMES J001353.6-060200	0.604 ± 0.1777	...
HERS8	HERS J010938.8-014829	0.378 ± 0.0821	...
HERS9	HERS J010911.7-011732	0.853 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.00008	...
HERS10	HERS J011722.2+005624	0.873 ± 0.0531	...
HELMS34	HERMES J002719.6+001203	0.512 ± 0.1403	...

**Table 4**  
(Continued)

ID	Name	$z$ (Foreground) <sup>a</sup>	$z$ (SMG)
HERS11	HERS J005847.2-010016	$0.717 \pm 0.1537$	...
HELMS35	HERMES J232500.1-005644	$0.299 \pm 0.1217$	...
HERS12	HERS J012546.3-001143	$0.893^b \pm 0.00039$	...
HELMS36	HERMES J234314.0+012152	$0.489 \pm 0.0286$	...
HELMS38	HERMES J002207.9+034044	$0.217^b \pm 0.00004$	...
HERS14	HERS J014057.3-010547	$0.370 \pm 0.0724$	...
HELMS39	HERMES J002936.3+020706	$0.770 \pm 0.1217$	...
HELMS40	HERMES J235331.7+031717	$0.821 \pm 0.0940$	...
HERS15	HERS J012106.8+003456	$0.698 \pm 0.0721$	...
HELMS42	HERMES J234014.4-070737	$0.460 \pm 0.0487$	...
HELMS43	HERMES J233420.2-003455	$0.139 \pm 0.0591$	...
HERS16	HERS J021434.4+005925	$0.492 \pm 0.1321$	...
HELMS44	HERMES J231447.6-045657	$0.451 \pm 0.0816$	...
HELMS46	HERMES J004622.2+073514	$0.442 \pm 0.1621$	...
HERS17	HERS J021402.5-004612	$0.369^b \pm 0.00012$	...
HELMS50	HERMES J235101.7-024425	$0.134^b \pm 0.00002$	...
HERS18	HERS J013212.2+001754	$0.495 \pm 0.0755$	...
HERS19	HERS J020529.0+000500	$0.455 \pm 0.0764$	...
HELMS56	HERMES J001325.8+042506	$0.485 \pm 0.1861$	...
HELMS57	HERMES J003519.7+072808	$0.094 \pm 0.1104$	...

**Notes.**<sup>a</sup> SDSS DR12 PhotoZ KD tree method, unless otherwise noted.<sup>b</sup> SDSS DR12 Spectroscopic Redshift.<sup>c</sup> Geach et al. (2015).<sup>d</sup> GBT/Zspectrometer (A. I. Harris et al. 2016, in preparation), CARMA and PdBI (D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation).<sup>e</sup> CARMA and PdBI (D. A. Riechers et al. 2016, in preparation).<sup>f</sup> GTC/OSIRIS spectroscopic redshift, R. Marques-Chaves et al. (2016, in preparation).<sup>g</sup> Asboth et al. (2016).**REFERENCES**

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